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Mr Brezhnev in Prague for expected Poland summit talks

Mr Brezhnev is expected to preside over the imminent Warsaw Pact summit meeting in Prague, believed to have been convened to take important decisions about Poland's future. Moscow, which has hitherto shown restraint, is leaving no doubt of its displeasure with the Polish leadership. Fresh troops have joined manoeuvres in and around Poland.



Mr Brezhnev in Prague with Mr Gustav Husak (right), the Czechoslovak party leader.

Warsaw Parliament postponed

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade, April 5

President Brezhnev has arrived in Prague ostensibly to attend the Czechoslovak Communist Party Congress which opens tomorrow.

However, it is likely that the Soviet leader will preside over the Warsaw Pact summit which, according to East European sources, has been convened to take important decisions about Poland, a topic causing growing concern in East European capitals.

Rumours of an imminent Warsaw Pact summit were reinforced by yesterday's postponement of the Polish Parliament's session scheduled for tomorrow.

The grounds for the postponement were given in Warsaw as the indisposition of Mr Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Prime Minister. But there are indications that he and Mr Stanislaw Kania, the Polish Communist Party leader, will be going to Prague and that the Warsaw Pact leaders will discuss Poland this week.

All the indications are of pressure mounting on the Polish leadership. Moscow, which has hitherto shown some restraint, is leaving no doubt of its displeasure with the Polish leadership.

Concern about Poland is being expressed in the East European news media and pressure is daily exerted in despatches voicing anxiety over the concessions Moscow and other East European media allege the Polish authorities have made.

Moscow is also increasing the pressure, with the deadline set for the Polish party congress, even though the date has yet to be fixed.

The prospect that the delegates to the Polish congress may be elected by secret ballot and other rank-and-file demands agreed, is seen in Moscow as a sign that the Polish Communist Party may be in danger of losing control.

If the congress takes place, it is bound to turn the Polish Communist Party in favour of reforms and to tilt the balance to the reformist wing.

Today the Czechs and the Soviet press have again issued the kind of warnings about Poland which show that Moscow is losing confidence in the Polish leadership.

It expresses bluntly Soviet dissatisfaction over the way the Polish leadership is giving in to demands and although it does not accuse it directly of being too weak it says that "real reistance to counter-revolution has not yet been given".

Pravda puts the rhetorical question that the Poles are "asking themselves what next". The answer to that may come from Mr Brezhnev.

Moscow believes Czechoslovakia is a good example of how to deal with a Communist Party under threat. Soviet and Warsaw Pact troops, with the exception of Romania, marched in to prevent Czechoslovakia from carrying out democratic reforms in 1968.

Troop manoeuvres: Fresh troops have joined the Warsaw Pact's manoeuvres in and around Poland over the weekend, the official East German News agency ADN said today. (Reuter reports from Berlin).

It said the exercises, which have been going on for 18 days, centred on "the introduction of fresh reserves from deep inside home territory.

"Units of motorized infantry, tanks, missiles and artillery, as well as reconnaissance, engineer and intelligence units were moved into designated areas by railway transport or in military columns, covered by air defence forces. Other forces were brought to the coast by landing craft."

The report gave no indication of how many troops were involved or where they came from. It said the soldiers met Soviet units "from next door", a term used to describe Moscow forces stationed in East Germany.

This indicated that East German and Soviet troops were involved in the new deployment.

ADN said the new troops were given "political and military briefings on their forthcoming battle tasks". This made clear that the Soyuz-81 exercise, already the longest Warsaw Pact manoeuvres for more than a decade, will continue for some time.

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Leak inquiry points to a top civil servant

By Peter Hennessy

A Scotland Yard inquiry into the identity of the Ministry of Defence "mole" who leaked six classified documents to the Press Association news agency last October has concluded, like the internal Whitehall inquiry that preceded it, that a civil servant of principal rank in the ministry's Navy Department was responsible.

The man has been confronted with the suspicions but has persistently proclaimed his innocence.

The papers dealing with the case are with Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, who is to decide whether to authorize a prosecution under Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, 1911. The indications are that the inquiry has failed to furnish sufficient evidence to prosecute.

Nor is it certain that the ministry could dismiss him by using internal disciplinary procedures on the basis of evidence deemed insufficient to secure a conviction in the courts.

The episode, however, represents a minor triumph for Whitehall's security authorities, whose inquiries into leaks rarely prove as conclusive as the one conducted in October and November last year by Mr David Hopkins, director of headquarters security at the Ministry of Defence.

Mr Hopkins was greatly helped by the fact that so few people had received all six documents, which dealt with the size of the defence budget and the Treasury's desire to reduce it.

The police inquiry, which began in November under the leadership of Det Chief Supt Kenneth Merton of Scotland Yard's C1 branch, reached the same conclusion as Mr Hopkins's investigation.

The motive which lay behind the principal's alleged action continues to baffle those involved who believe he is the culprit. They have judged him not to be the kind of person who normally leaks information.

The fact that actual documents were passed to Mr Andrew Webb, a member of the PA's political staff, is unusual, let alone the number involved. The normal method favoured by seasoned leakers is a slow, fragmentary filtration of information, transmitted orally over the lunch table in a manner that disguises its true source, and suggests a number of other potential culprits.

It has been suggested that the principal, if he did leak the papers, must be naive in these matters.



Sir Michael Havers: considering prosecution.

Mounting pressure by union activists for national week-long strike

New attempt to end Civil Service pay dispute

By David Felton
Labour Reporter

The Government is planning to call in Civil Service union leaders later this week for talks in an attempt to end the damaging four-week dispute by white-collar workers against a background of mounting pressure from union activists for a national week-long strike.

Union leaders, who have so far restricted the campaign of industrial action to selective strikes involving only 3,000 of the country's 540,000 white-collar civil servants, are also trying to damp down militancy in the Department of Health and Social Security.

Widespread industrial action in that department would lead to payments of unemployment and other social benefits being halted, and while campaign strategists recognize the adverse reaction this would cause, it is not being ruled out.

It is understood that Lord Soames, Lord President of the Council and Minister responsible for the Civil Service, is coming under increasing pressure from ministerial colleagues to take an initiative in the dispute which has caused disruption to collections of income tax and value-added tax.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has held regular meetings with Lord Soames, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, and there now appears to be agreement in Whitehall that the Government should be seen to be making a move towards ending the dispute.

A team of senior officials headed by Mr Gordon Burrett, deputy secretary at the Civil Service Department responsible for pay negotiations, has been working since before the strikes started on a new system for settling Civil Service pay increases.

The draft of a new system, now nearing completion, is expected to include the principles of comparability, arbitration and independent fact-finding upon which the unions have insisted. But it is thought also to contain clauses enabling the Government to retain "political control" over future pay bargaining.

Sir Geoffrey Howe has indicated already that the Government will be seeking a limit of about 6 per cent on pay increases in next year's bargaining round and in view of the Administration's commitment to cash limits, an important negotiating issue with the unions will be to what extent arbitration will be binding.

Union leaders are sceptical that the Government has been able to produce a package that is acceptable and are insistent that there will have to be an increase in the present 7 per cent offer before the action can be called off. The Government is equally determined that the overall limit of 7 per cent for the pay increase cannot be breached.

Attitudes among union members have hardened since the dispute started, although a firm commitment to a new system of bargaining which could be in operation next year might be sufficient to win the support of some of the traditionally moderate unions

Air traffic controllers, who are members of the institution, are being balloted on whether they are prepared to take industrial action over the Easter holiday period. Their action during the national one-day Civil Service strike on March 9 closed all large airports

However, there is some doubt as to whether the action will take place over the Easter weekend, and a suggestion being canvassed among union leaders is for a period of prolonged strike action by airport workers at the end of the holiday period.

Mr Benn runs into trouble over policy on abolition of Lords

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

The Queen's role in the creation of peerages is to be debated tonight by Mr Wedgwood Benn and other members of the Labour Party's home policy committee.

Labour's policy makers, who successfully won party acceptance for the abolition of the House of Lords, have run into difficulties over the honours system, particularly where it affects the Sovereign.

The party wants to abolish life peerages, but a paper before the committee admits that there are difficulties about those honours bestowed on the Sovereign's own initiative, and also those recommended by Commonwealth countries.

The paper proposes that the next Labour government should set up a special Commons select committee to examine the difficulties arising from the plans to modernize the Upper Chamber.

Some home policy committee members oppose the idea of a select committee, pointing out that the committee would have to have al-partly representation and that it would be impossible to get the Tories and Liberals to agree.

Mr Benn is still embroiled in the controversy over his declared intention to stand for the deputy leadership of the Labour Party. There is to be a meeting tonight of the left-wing Tribune group, which is split over his candidature. Last night Tribune members thought that any discussion on that issue might be postponed until next week because only a one-line whip is operating and so there is unlikely to be a full turnout.

Mr Robert Cryer, Labour MP for Keighley and a Tribune member, yesterday declared his support for Mr Benn. He said: "An election will ensure that the priorities of the next Labour government will be discussed more widely within the Labour Party."

Mr Benn declined a plea from Mr Alexander Kitson, chairman of the party, to reconsider his decision to stand. In a letter sent to Mr Kitson on Saturday Mr Benn stated: "Regular elections are the lifeblood of democracy. They give people an opportunity to discuss the issues openly, reach decisions openly and choose the representatives they want to carry them out openly."

Mr Benn said that the Transport and General Workers' Union—of which he is a member—voted at the last Labour conference for the leader and deputy leader to be elected by an electoral college.

"If it is now argued that 'party unity' now requires us to abandon the elections under the new procedure, the trade unions and constituency parties will have no say whatever in the choice of the party leadership."

Mr Robert Cryer: Declaring support for Mr Benn.

Lebanon's latest ceasefire ignored

From Tewfik Mishlawi
Beirut, April 5

Despite efforts by the Lebanese Government to stabilize a fragile ceasefire arranged last night, heavy fighting continued today in Beirut and the Christian town of Zahle, 30 miles to the east. At least 30 people were killed and more than 160 injured.

The fighting started last week between Syrian troops of the Arab League-sponsored peacekeeping force, generally known as the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF), and the Lebanese right-wing militias led by the powerful Phalange Party. Unofficial estimates put the total casualties since the new violence began five days ago at 160 killed and about 400 wounded.

At least three ceasefire agreements have been announced since then but none of them have lasted. The latest arranged yesterday was reached through negotiations between Mr Elias Herawi, a Government representative, and Brigadier Sami Al-Khatib, the Lebanese commander of the ADF, on the one hand, and Syrian commanders of the Syrian troops in Lebanon at the border town of Shtoura on the Beirut-Damascus highway.

The terms of the ceasefire had been agreed in Damascus.

The violence in Lebanon has evoked concern in other countries, particularly in Israel, which announced it would not stand idly by watching the Lebanese Christians being annihilated by the Syrians.

Israeli officials were reported as saying that Syrian troops in Lebanon "have crossed the red line" in their attacks on the Christians in Beirut and Zahle.

Israeli move: Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Foreign Minister, said Israel was pressing the United States to use its influence to calm the situation. "We are in constant touch with the United States and are pressing so that the Americans use all their international contacts and other means to cease the murder," he told Israel radio.—Reuter.

Milan arrest a blow to terrorists

From John Earle
Rome, April 5

Milan police today confirmed that yesterday they arrested Signor Mario Moretti, alleged to be one of the top Red Brigades leaders who was still at large, in what is regarded as a major blow against the terrorist organization.

Signor Moretti, a 35-year-old wireless technician, had been described by authorities as the brains behind the kidnapping and killing three years ago in Rome of Signor Aldo Moro, the former Christian Democrat prime minister.

Four people were arrested yesterday—Signor Moretti, Professor Enrico Fenzi, and a man and a woman who were not named but described as of secondary importance.

Signor Moretti and Professor Fenzi, a 42-year-old reader in Italian literature at Genoa University, were on their way on foot yesterday afternoon to a flat at Via Cavalcanti near the main station, apparently to meet the other two. The police, who had evidently been on their track for several days, surrounded the two men who, though armed, surrendered saying they were "political prisoners".

Signor Virginio Rognoni, the Minister of the Interior, who had flown to Milan in time for the operation, commented: "It has been my best day since becoming a minister."

Signor Moretti, originally from near Ancona, worked as a young man at the Sit-Siemens electronics factory in Milan, but resigned in 1971 and went into hiding. He was identified by police as the engineer Borghi who at the time of the Moro kidnapping rented a flat in Rome as a Red Brigades hideout. When arrested yesterday, he had two false identity cards and a driving licence, and had grown long hair and a thick moustache.

Professor Fenzi was tried in Genoa in June last year for being a supporter of the Red Brigades, but acquitted, and immediately disappeared.

oviet President's visit mphasizes crisis, Mr Weinberger says

Our Diplomatic Staff

Mr Casper Weinberger, the ited States Secretary of Dece, expressed concern in idon yesterday over Mr zhnev's visit to Prague.

Mr Brezhnev, he said, had travelled abroad in such a nner for many years. It wed the seriousness of the is in the Eastern block that aroused Western fears of iet intervention in Poland.

. was also "consistent with a nber of unfortunate hypoes, one of which is that he lining up support. On the er hand, it is a good thing e are meetings and people talking".

Mr Weinberger said reports military activity in and nd Poland were "continuto be worrisome".

n arrival in London on rday he said the military vities in Poland were "not sistent with manoeuvres by sian troops which were sup-d to end last weekend".

he air supplies, he said, seemed to be more than those required for units involved in an exercise.

He is visiting Britain before going to Bonn for a Nato ministerial meeting tomorrow. There he is expected to discuss American proposals for deploying new nuclear missiles in Europe.

Pentagon officials have expressed concern over what they fear could be troublesome antinuclear feelings in Western Europe and Mr Weinberger is anxious that the Polish crisis is not underestimated.

Today he is visiting the British Army base at Cottesmore and the American air base at Lakenheath.

Worst feared: America believes Russian intervention in Poland is not inevitable, but that there is greater danger of it now than ever more, (Patrick Brogan writes from Washington).

State Department officials think President Brezhnev's flight to Prague means a decision has been taken and they fear the worst.

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n Patrick Brogan
hington, April 5

resident Reagan continues ecover from his wounds in George Washington University hospital, while his assailant, n Hinckley, is in the hands overnment psychiatrists in h Carolina. The daily etin on the president stated he ran an "elevated to erate" temperature yester- evening, but that it was nal again this morning.

is lungs are not entirely r of fluid, but he is said to lert and in good spirits.

r Hinckley's parents issued atement yesterday, which that they were praying for President and the three r victims of the shooting.

The statement added: "We simply ask that you realize that John is a sick boy, and that you give him the benefit of the doubt until all the true facts concerning his mental condition are known."

Mr Hinckley is being examined by psychiatrists in a special hospital in North Carolina. He has been judged competent to stand trial, but that event is a long way off. The various examinations could take some months.

Bush briefing: Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, today briefed the President on the mounting tension in Poland. His visit lasted 10 minutes.—Reuter.

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Haig pledge on Middle East

Mr Alexander Haig, the American Secretary of State, focused on the Soviet threat to the Middle East during talks with Israeli leaders in Jerusalem. Israel was said to be more concerned about dangers to its security from the supply of sophisticated weapons to America's Arab allies. In Cairo, earlier, Mr Haig assured President Sadat that Washington remains committed to a Middle East peace settlement. Later this week, leaders of Jordan and Saudi Arabia will press Mr Haig not to downgrade the Palestine issue Page 4

TV news bias alleged

More than 100 professors, union leaders and MPs have made accusations of bias and distortion in television news bulletins. All three channels are accused of failing to give balanced accounts. Several academic studies have documented bias against the labour movement, they say Page 3

Lipatti tape found

EMI Records has found a genuine tape of Dinu Lipatti, the late Romanian virtuoso, playing Chopin's first piano concerto. It will replace a recording thought to be by Lipatti but later found to be by a Polish pianist Page 3

End for Nice casino

The contents of the *Palais de la Méditerranée* at Nice, one of the most famous casinos in the world, were auctioned at the weekend. The casino closed in 1978 Page 4

Counter-claims on 'vote rigging'

Mr. Michael O'Halloran, Labour MP for Islington, North, has appealed to Mr Michael Foot, the party leader, for help after claims and counter-claims of vote-rigging in the constituency party. His appeal comes after the defection of six local councillors to the Social Democrats last month Page 2

Union power struggle

Communists and Trotskyists are attempting to gain control of the executive of the Post Office Engineering Union in a power struggle that could have a crucial bearing on the union's political direction and on the outcome of the Labour Party deputy leadership battle Page 2

New role for Japan

Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, arrived in Tokyo on a three-day visit during which he is expected to ask Japan to use its economic power to dissuade Moscow from invading Poland. Japan's role in safeguarding north-east Asia will also be raised Page 5

New fear on foot and mouth

By a Staff Reporter

Two more suspected cases of foot-and-mouth disease were investigated on the Isle of Wight yesterday.

They occurred among cattle at Homestead Farm, Porchfield, and East Afton Farm, Freshwater. Both are within five miles of the farm originally infected two weeks ago.

The two tests carried out so far have not proved positive, but further investigation is being made.

Restrictions on the movement of cattle, sheep and pigs on the island, which were due to be reduced, will remain in force, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Foods said last night. But restrictions on movement on the mainland were removed at midnight last night.

Investigations are also being conducted at a farm at Sandown, where some lambs have gone lame. It is not thought that the cause is foot-and-mouth disease but restrictions on the movement of animals have been imposed on the farm as a precaution.

The disease was confirmed on the Isle of Wight two weeks ago when a total of 254 cattle and 369 pigs had to be slaughtered.

Boxing promoter held by FBI

Los Angeles, April 5.—The boxing promoter, Mr Harold Smith, a missing figure in an alleged $21m (£9.5m) bank fraud, was arrested here yesterday, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said today.

Mr Smith, chairman of the Muhammad Ali Professional Sports Organization, was accused of making a false statement on a passport application, and will be formally charged tomorrow. His organization paid Ali, the former world heavyweight champion, for the use of his name in promoting sports events.—Reuter.

Struggle over Post Office union control

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

A power struggle is taking place inside the Post Office Engineering Union which might have a crucial bearing on its political direction and the outcome of the Labour Party's deputy leadership battle.

Communists and Trotskyists, campaigning together under the banner of the broad-left, are attempting to capture control of the union's executive, which has 23 members. They have nine supporters on the executive so a further three would tip the balance in their favour.

Success would switch the union's support from moderate Labour Party policies to those of the left wing, including backing for the campaign to get Mr Wedgwood Benn elected deputy party leader in place of Mr Denis Healey at this year's party conference. Mr Benn is to address a broad left meeting at the union's annual conference at Blackpool in June.

Moderates in the union, which has 132,000 members, are worried at the pace of the broad left campaign and the direction it is taking.

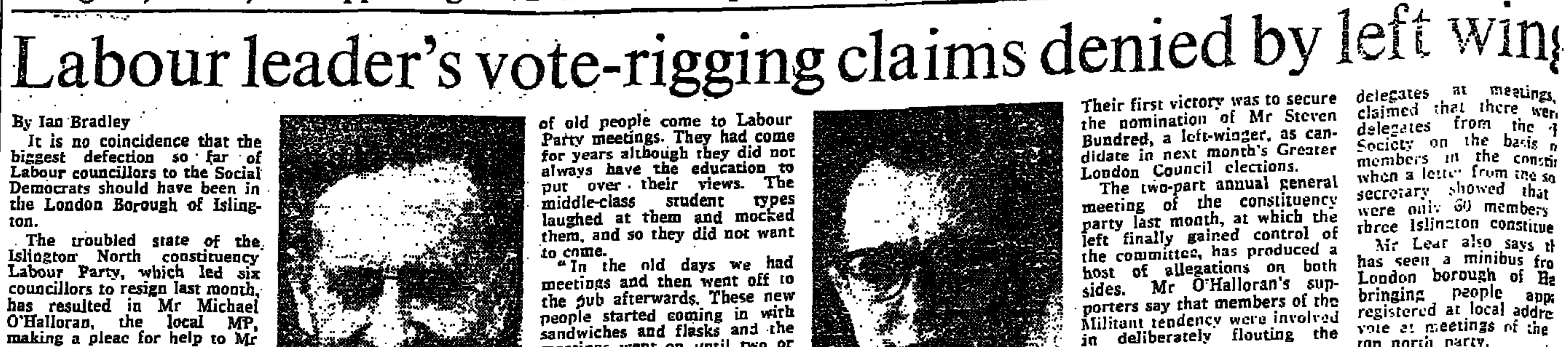
They quote a recent article in the left-wing *Socialist Challenge* which stated: "The Post Office Engineering Union has the power to cripple the City of London, the banks, finance houses, big companies and government departments. But the right-wing majority on the union executive refuses to take up the challenge."

Mr Bryan Stanley, the union's general secretary and a former member of the Labour Party's national executive committee, says in the latest issue of the union's journal: "In recent weeks a number of members have approached me to ask what I am doing to fight against what they regard as the attempts of extremists to take over control of the union and to take over control of the Labour Party.

"My answer will always be: If you do not agree with a particular line being adopted either by individuals, branches, the union or the Labour Party, then fight within the organization to establish your point of view."

Mr B. Stanley adds: "To be frank, it is useless for members to complain to me about decisions taken at branch meetings when they themselves do not attend those meetings. There is only one way to make sure that your opinions are taken into account and influence the policy-making process, that is to attend branch meetings.

Moderates on the executive are apprehensive about whether they can bat back the attempt by the broad left to take control. Those seeking reelection are: Mr John Scott-Garner, the presidnt; Mr Fred Feltham, vice-president; Mr Phil Evers, Mr Patrick Lee, Mr Derek Dodds, Mr Michael Ronaldson, Mr Gordon Duncan, Mr Leonard Gillard, Mr Elwyn Jones, Mr Tony Field, Mr Kenneth Thomas, Mr Bryan Harper, Mr Jack Walker and Mr Joe Lane.



Islington, North, MP appealing to Mr Foot for help after defection of councillors to the Social Democrats

Labour leader's vote-rigging claims denied by left wing

By Ian Bradley

It is no coincidence that the biggest defection so far of Labour councillors to the Social Democrats should have been in the London Borough of Islington.

The troubled state of the Islington North constituency Labour Party, which led six councillors to resign last month, has resulted in Mr Michael O'Halloran, the local MP, making a pleac for help to Mr Michael Foot, the party leader.

He wants the party's national executive committee to investigate the circumstances in which left-wingers gained control of the constituency party's general management committee at a meeting held in two parts last month.

Mr O'Halloran accuses the left of using false addresses in claiming enrolments to the Labour Party, rigging ballots for delegates to the committee and subjecting other members to personal abuse.

His opponents, who deny the charges, accuse his supporters of practising similar tactics over the past 10 years or more and of bringing in bogus union delegates to pack last month's meeting.

Mr Mark Van de Weyer, a councillor who stands between the two factions, believes that the state of the Islington North party like ours and getting to the party nationally.

"The recent commission of inquiry has failed to provide any means for sorting out the problems of a polarized local party like our and getting to grips with the packing of meetings and the proper affiliation of unions", he said.

The troubles of the party derive from the nature of the

Mr Michael O'Halloran: "Moderates abused".

borough. Before six Social Democrats defected recently the council had 50 Labour and two Conservative members. As a result, the Labour group encompasses a broad spectrum of opinion and there are wide differences of political persuasion within it.

It is divided into two main factions. The larger one is made up of predominantly working-class, middle-aged councillors, locally born and bred, who are conservative in their outlook and policies. The opposition comes from younger, middle-class socialists who moved into Islington with the "gentrification" of the borough in the 1960s.

There is little love lost between the two groups. Mr James Evans, the mayor of the borough and one of the defectors to the Social Democrats, said: "We used to have a lot of old people come to Labour Party meetings. They had come for years although they did not always have the education to put over their views. The middle-class student types laughed at them and mocked them, and so they did not want to come.

"In the old days we had meetings and then went off to the pub afterwards. These new people started coming in with sandwiches and flasks and the meetings went on until two or three in the morning."

But Mrs Margaret Watson, a councillor, said: "The old group are not very bright. They are also very right wing, even in Tory terms. They have cut the housing programme, the grants to voluntary organizations and the provision for under-fives, because they believe that mums should sit at home all day.

"To see those things destroyed overnight creates bitterness. I think the main issue that divides us is public expenditure. We believe in high public spending."

The balance between the two factions has see-sawed over the past 10 years. In 1968 a freak Conservative victory enabled the middle-class socialists to infiltrate Islington South and Central constituency Labour parties and they dominated the council elected in 1971. The north, however, remained firmly in the grip of the so-called "Irish old guard" who provide Mr O'Halloran's main source of support.

In 1974 the younger, middle-class element succeeded in making inroads into the north and the council elected in that year had a left wing majority. But in 1978 Mr O'Halloran's



Mr James Evans: Old members "mocked".

supporters regained control of the north and, until the defection of the Social Democrats, the balance of the Labour group in the present council was 27 "old guard" and 23 younger left-wingers.

The old guard accuse the left of entryist tactics and of manipulating council policy between 1974 and 1978 to help their takeover of the party.

Mr Michael Sullivan, press officer of the left-wing dominated constituency party, agrees that the left have progressively gained control of wards, but denies any underhand tactics. He says that the left has simply recruited new members and at 1,300, the party has one of the highest membership figures in the country.

The events of the last few months represent the culmination of the left's takeover. Their first victory was to secure the nomination of Mr Steven Bundred, a left-winger, as candidate in next month's Greater London Council elections.

The two-part annual general meeting of the constituency party last month, at which the left finally gained control of the committee, has produced a host of allegations on both sides. Mr O'Halloran's supporters say that members of the Militant tendency were involved in deliberately flouting the party rules.

Mr Sullivan, who is a former Socialist Unity candidate, says that out of 100 people on the new committee, not one is a supporter of the Militant tendency. He accuses Mr O'Halloran's supporters of trying to manipulate the meeting by bringing along nine "false" delegates from the Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU).

Four of the delegates, including Mr Morgan Lear, an architect and the former secretary of the party, and Miss Bernadette O'Halloran, the MP's daughter, who is a nurse, said that they belonged to the 1/725 branch of the union, and the other five to the 1/723 branch.

Yet a letter from the union's regional organizer, of which *The Times* has a copy, says that the first branch is affiliated to the Twickenham Labour Party and the second paid no affiliation fees to Islington north party for 1980 or 1981.

Mr Lear says that both he and Miss O'Halloran are members of the TGWU and that both 1/723 and 1/725 are bona fide branches affiliated to Islington north. He says that the left have had "false" delegates at meetings, claimed that there were delegates from the [illegible] Society on the basis of members in the constituency when a letter from the society's secretary showed that there were only 60 members in the three Islington constituencies.

Mr Lear also says that he has seen a minibus from the London borough of Ha[illegible] bringing people apparently registered at local addresses to vote at meetings of the Islington north party.

"The Labour Party's rules were laid down when it was assumed that people would not manipulate them", he said. "Now that people are not playing fair, there are going to have to be new rules."

He suggests that affiliated unions and organizations should each have only one delegate to the local party and that there should be much tighter residence qualifications.

Mr Van de Weyer [illegible] that the present system is not satisfactory. "At the present any union can affiliate to a constituency Labour party on the basis of one delegate for every 100 members. The National Union of Miners is affiliated to Islington north although, as far as I know, it only has one member living in the constituency, and that is Mr B[illegible] who also happens to be its delegate."

Meanwhile, both sides agreed that the left's takeover of Islington north is a fact and that Mr O'Halloran will almost certainly be replaced when he comes up for reselection by the local party. It is also agreed that the council elected next year will have a clear left-wing majority.

Mr Murray starts TUC week of protest

By David Felton
Labour Reporter

A national week of protest against the Government's economic and social policies was launched on Saturday by Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, and will continue with marches, rallies and lobbies of Parliament.

A key aim is to win publicity and support for a march against unemployment from Liverpool to London starting on May 1.

About 3,000 trade unionists were estimated to have marched through Newcastle upon Tyne on Saturday and at a rally later. Mr Murray said he believed Mrs Margaret Thatcher would "turn" as public opinion changed.

"Even though the scene is black with factories closing day after day we believe the tide is beginning to turn", he said.

Mrs Marie Patterson, chairman of the TUC's women's advisory committee, told a rally in Newcastle yesterday that women were being the most badly affected by government policies

Public spending cuts and reductions in welfare services meant that the burden of caring for the elderly and the young was falling on women. "This Government is attempting to drive women back into the home", she told the rally.

Included in the lobbies of Parliament planned during this week are those by transport unions today, trade unionists from the North tomorrow, and printing unions on Wednesday.

The culmination of the week will be marches and rallies in six provincial centres on Saturday.



Photograph by Warren Harrison

Police escorting demonstrators protesting at the nationality Bill in London yesterday.

10,000 join nationality Bill march

By Lucy Hodges

About 10,000 people, mainly of Asian origin, marched through central London yesterday to protest at the nationality Bill, which they said was racialist and would make them second-class citizens.

The demonstration, organized by the Campaign against Racialist Laws, ended with a rally in Trafalgar Square which was addressed by 18 speakers, mainly from ethnic minority organizations.

Miss Jo Richardson, MP for Barking, who was there to represent the Labour Party, said the Bill had caused deep anger and confusion in the country. "It is divisive and is based on immigration law", she said. "It is a racialist Bill and Labour is pledged to oppose it".

Mr Ian Martin, general secretary of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, said that people did not need to know the details of the Bill to see that it was racialist. "It will leave thousands of people effectively stateless and will take away rights which black people have already

Mr Rudy Narayan, of the West Indian Standing Conference, declared that the protest showed black people were on the march. "We are on the move and will fight in this country against parliamentary thugs and racialists".

The police were not taking any chances yesterday. They were present in large numbers.

In brief

Ulster rallies end in violence

Gangs of youths stoned police in Belfast and Londonderry last night at the end of republican parades in support of the Maze prison hunger strike.

In Belfast between 50 and 60 youths stoned Springfield Road police station and dispersed after rubber bullets were fired. There were two arrests. In Londonderry there were similar scenes and at both rallies census forms were set alight.

MP seeks talks on Moonies' status

Mr David Mellor, Conservative MP for Wandsworth, Putney, wants an urgent meeting with the Charity Commissioners to discuss the continuing charitable status of the Moonies, or Unification Church, the religious cult found by a libel jury to brainwash its converts and break up families.

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News back on the air

News bulletins were back yesterday on RTE, the Irish Republic's state-backed television and radio service, after a break of almost three weeks. Agreement was reached in a dispute between management and journalists over the suspension of a journalist.

Church to bank vault

A painting, believed to be by the Florentine master Andrea del Sarto, is now locked in a bank vault after hanging in St Paul's church, near St Austell, for a quarter of a century. The work will be studied by experts at Christie's.

Census forms in

Britons filled in about twenty million forms yesterday ready for collection today by the 100,000 census enumerators. The census is costing more than £10m and the completed forms will be stored on 12½ miles of shelving in Bootle, Merseyside, ready for analysis.

Journalists walk out

More than 80 members of the National Union of Journalists employed by Eastern Counties Newspapers in East Anglia have stopped work in support of 17 colleagues at the *East Anglian Daily Times* newspaper at Ipswich who face redundancy

Editor to judge contest

Mr Harold Evans, editor of *The Times*, is to be one of the judges of a competition organized by Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers, to select the editor of the provincial newspaper which has best served the community.

Off to the high life

Mr James Cook, aged 37, a window cleaner from Herrick Road, north London, flew from Heathrow airport yesterday to tackle the Empire State Building's 86th floor. He had won the dream of a lifetime in a contest run by a vodka firm.

Bucks Fizz's high note

Britain's pop group Bucks Fizz are on the road to commercial success after their close win in the Eurovision Song contest on Saturday. Their song, "Making Your Mind Up", is already high in Britain's top ten

Flights cancelled

Some services today from Aldergrove Airport, Northern Ireland, have been cancelled because of an expected strike by 240 ground staff. The men are protesting at a pay offer of 7½ per cent.

Irish hurlers killed

Three members of an Irish hurling team from Waterford were killed and eight others injured when their minibus was involved in a collision with a parked lorry in co Kilkenny on Saturday night.

Fierce political battle as parties try to win Merseyside poll

From John Chartres
Liverpool

An inconclusive result from the Merseyside County Council election is being predicted by both Labour and Liberal Party leaders, who are challenging the present Conservative control in one of Britain's most politically sensitive areas.

A heavy anti-government vote in next month's county elections is expected throughout the north-west, because of the bad effects of the recession in the region.

That is likely to be most marked in the Merseyside contest, where unemployment in Liverpool has reached nearly 16 per cent,

Labour Party officials, whose forecasts have proved reliable in the past, believe they will regain control of Greater Manchester and Cheshire, with Lancashire and Cumbria remaining in Conservative hands with slightly reduced majorities.

Merseyside remains something of an enigma because of the continued vitality of the Liberals and the emergence of the social democratic movement.

Labour needs to win 25 seats in the 99 contests to obtain overall control of Merseyside County Council. Local Labour Party officials are reasonably confident of winning 23 seats, but say it will take hard work and good luck to exceed that.

Sir Trevor Jones, leader of the Liverpool Liberals and of the city council, forecasts between 40 and 45 Labour seats, 25 to 30 Liberal, and 20 to 25 Conservative.

Mr Douglas Robinson, the Conservative agent in Liverpool predicts that while there will be some losses for his party, they will not be nearly as bad as many expected.

The prospect of a "hung" Merseyside County Council, with Labour the biggest single party but without overall control, is causing dismay in some quarters. Liverpool has suffered under this sort of line-up for several years with a vast backlog and unfinished business accruing, and an 8.30 pm guillotine having to be imposed

Sir Trevor Jones claims, however, that that is not necessarily a bad thing. "It makes for true democracy", he said.

Mr Paul Mahon, who is due to defend the Picton ward of Edge Hill, is going to fight under a joint Liberal-Social Democrat banner. He is issuing leaflets and posters carrying the portraits of Mr David Steel and Mrs Shirley Williams with the words: "A new team for Britain."

Mr Mahon, aged 30, defends his stance by saying he believes there is only room for one "third party" and that if the two do not work together they will cancel each other's efforts.

Most Merseyside politicians agree that the real battle will be fought in the city of Liverpool, and that the big question is where will the anti-government votes go. The final line-up of Liberal candidates will not be known until nominations close today.

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Parents to look at small print from SDP

By Our Education Correspondent

Parents should look at the small print of the Social Democrats' programme for education because it could be worse than that of Labour, Mr R[illegible] Boyson, Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, told Young Conservatives in Brighton yesterday.

In a speech last week Mrs Shirley Williams had objected to the gap between the independent and maintained sectors, he said. Yet that gap was widened by the last Labour government's abolition of the "bridge" of the direct grant schools which had offered opportunities of education and social mobility for tens of thousands of working class children.

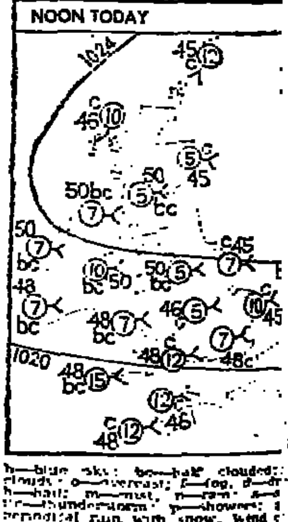
The only other bridge Mrs Williams could now apparently suggest was the experiment of pupil exchange between the maintained and private sectors. Those had rarely been successful

Certainly the suggestion compared badly with the Conservative Government's introduction of the assisted places scheme which gave children from the poorest homes opportunities of entry into some of the most superb academic independent schools in Britain.

The Social Democrats were also apparently committed to comprehensive secondary education, irrespective of its results and parents' wishes, and the phasing out of sixth forms, long one of the most successful parts of British education.

Weather forecast and recordings

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)



b—blue sky; bc—half clouded; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; p—showers; rs—periodical rain with snow. Wind speed in mph.

Today

Sun rises: 6.25 am Sun sets: 7.42 pm
Moon rises: 7.42 am Moon sets: 9.59 pm

First Quarter: April 11.

Lighting up: 8.12 pm to 5.53 am.

High Water: London Bridge, 3.34 am, 7.6m; 4.04 pm, 7.8m. Avonmouth, 9.24 am, 14.4m; 9.40 pm, 14.1m. Dover, 12.39 am, 7m; 12.51 pm, 6.9m. Hull, 8.12 am, 7.9m; 8.23 pm, 8.2m. Liverpool, 12.56 am, 9.8m; 1.14pm, 10.1m. 1ft=0.3048m. 1m=3.2808ft

High will move slowly E across N Scotland.

Forecasts from 6 am to midnight:

London, Midlands, SE, central S England, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy but some sunny intervals developing, scattered showers later; wind E, light or moderate; max temp 11°C (52°F).

East Anglia, Borders, E, NE, central N England, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Rather cloudy, a little drizzle in places at first, patchy hill fog, some bright or sunny intervals inland; wind E, light or moderate; max temp 8° to 10°C (46° to 50°F).

SW England, S Wales: Rather cloudy in places at first, some sunny intervals developing, scattered showers possible later; wind NE, light or moderate; max temp 11° to 13°C (52° to 55°F).

Lake District, NW England, N Wales, SW Scotland, Ireland, Isle of Man: Dry, bright or sunny intervals; wind E, light; max temp 11° to 13°C (52° to 55°F).

Glasgow, Moray Firth, Argyll, central Highlands, NE, NW Scotland: Dry, sunny intervals; wind variable becoming S, light; max temp 11° to 13°C (52° to 55°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Dry, bright or sunny intervals; wind mostly W, light; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, more prolonged rain in S. Warmer.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NE veering E, light to moderate; sea, slight.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind E, light to moderate; sea, slight.

Saturday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 8°C (46°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 5°C (41°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 77 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm 0.[illegible] Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 10[illegible] millibars, rising.

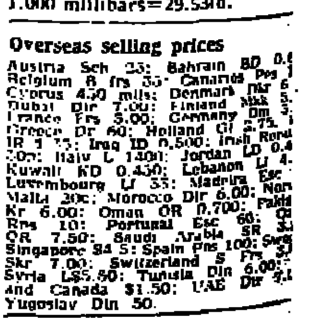
Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 9°C (48°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 6°C (43°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 73 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 0.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1023.7 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars=29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Algiers	s	18	64	Cologne	r	7	45	London	c	7	45	Reykjavik	d	5	41
Amsterdm	c	8	46	Copenhgn	s	10	50	Luxembrg	c	6	43	Rome	s	18	64
Athens	s	15	59	Edinburgh	c	10	50	Madrid	s	18	64	S Frisco	s	16	61
Barcelona	s	18	64	Florence	s	17	63	Majorca	s	17	63	Tel Aviv	f	17	63
Beirut	s	16	61	Funchal	f	18	64	Malaga	s	18	64	Toronto	c	1	34
Berlin	c	8	46	Geneva	c	14	57	Malta	c	13	55	Vancouver	c	9	48
Bermuda	f	21	70	Gibraltar	f	18	64	Miami	f	27	81	Venice	c	12	54
Biarritz	c	12	54	Guernsey	c	7	45	Montreal	c	13	55	Vienna	s	13	55
Birmghm	d	7	45	Innsbruck	r	8	46	Munich	c	6	43	Warsaw	s	13	55
Bristol	c	8	46	Jersey	c	8	46	New York	c	14	57	Wash'ton	r	22	72
Brussels	c	7	45	L Palmas	c	19	66	Naples	s	17	63	Zurich	c	8	46



Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 25; Bahrain BD 0.[illegible]; Belgium B frs 35; Canaries Pes [illegible]; Cyprus 450 mils; Denmark Dkr [illegible]; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mkk [illegible]; France Frs 5.00; Germany Dm [illegible]; Greece Dr 60; Holland Gl 2.75; IR [illegible]; Iraq ID 0.500; Irish [illegible]; Italy L 1400; Jordan LD 0.[illegible]; Kuwait KD 0.450; Lebanon Ll 4.[illegible]; Luxembourg Lf 35; Madeira Esc [illegible]; Malta 30c; Morocco Dir 6.00; Norway Kr 6.00; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps 10; Portugal Esc 60; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia SR [illegible]; Singapore $4.5; Spain Pts 100; Sweden Skr 7.00; Switzerland S Frs [illegible]; Syria LS5.50; Tunisia Din 6.00; USA and Canada $1.50; UAE Dir [illegible]; Yugoslav Din 50.

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Chancellor supports consumer body

From Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent
Swansea

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, addressing the National Consumer Congress in Swansea yesterday, sought to repair the damage to relations between the consumer movement and the Government caused when Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister for Consumer Affairs, addressed the congress last year.

Mrs Oppenheim had rebuked the congress for concerning itself with economic and taxation policy, and urged that it should turn its attention "back to the marketplace". Sir Geoffrey, who was Britain's first Minister for Trade and Consumer Affairs in the early 1970s, said yesterday that a "lively, irrepressible consumer movement" would always be needed,

He told delegates that in last year's debate on economic policy the consumer congress had shown an awareness of the political pitfalls and had taken the trouble "to identify the areas where consumers and consumer organizations have a special knowledge and expertise to contribute".

He added: "Speaking for myself, I am sure you were right. Many of the 364 economists who exposed themselves and their profession to such ridicule a week ago must now be wishing they had shown a official information gathered similar restraint".

After Mrs Oppenheim's rebuke, the National Consumer Council did little work on general economic policy issues last year.

The congress chairman, Mr Michael Shanks, made clear at this year's meeting that it was intended now to return to the subject and, in particular pricing policy in the nationalized industries and unemployment. "If unemployment continues to grow at the rate it has been doing, I fear for the social fabric of our society", he said.

Mr Shanks claimed that "neglect of the interests of consumers has contributed to the country's present economic state. Unless industry provides products that people want at prices they are prepared to pay, economic recovery is out of the question. The consumer and the consumer's interest should be at the heart of conomic policy and industrial practice".

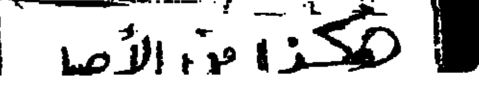
Shorter hours for judges

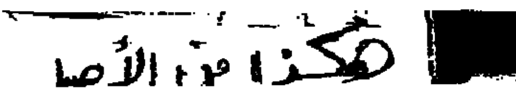
Judges at the Central Criminal Court will get a cut in their working hours later this month, when a temporary scheme to speed up justice is ended. For the past six months they have started work half an hour earlier in the 25 courts to help clear a backlog of 1,200 cases.

The backlog is down to fewer than 800, and the early starts are to end amid unofficial sighs of relief.

Starting court business at 10 instead of 10.30 am gave the judges less time for work in their chambers, and pretrial interviews with clients in cells were made more difficult.

The extra time system was started after a plea last year from Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, to cut delays in hearing lengthy cases.





Fresh attempt soon to recover bodies from capsized oil rig

By John Huxley

A fresh attempt will be made soon to recover more than 30 bodies believed to be entombed in the Alexander L. Kielland oil rig which capsized more than a year ago with the loss of 123 lives.

A previous operation to salvage the rig, now lying upturned in a Norwegian fjord, was abandoned last autumn. Doubts were expressed about the safety of proceeding with the venture, mounted by an Anglo-Norwegian consortium including a Southampton company, SD Marine.

News of the new salvage attempt coincides with the publication in Oslo of an official report on the accident, in which more than thirty Britons died. It is highly critical of the design, construction and safety procedures of the rig. Control agencies are also taken to task for failing to identify the faults responsible for causing one of the rig's five legs to collapse in a heavy storm in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea.

Official anguish at the content of the report, due to be formally presented to the Justice Ministry later today, has been compounded by continuing uncertainty over the future of the rig.

The Norwegian Government is pledged to recovering the bodies from the rig, which is now owned by a pool of insurance companies. Earlier this year, the structure was declared a loss and its then owners, Stavanger Drilling, offered £25m compensation. Of this sum, two-thirds was carried by the London reinsurance market.

Neptun, a subsidiary of the Swedish marine services group Brostrom, has been asked to submit new proposals for salvage. These will have to be approved by the Norwegian authorities.

The British Department of Energy and rig operators working in the United Kingdom sector of the North Sea are waiting to see the full report of the Norwegian commission of inquiry before deciding whether modifications are required on structures similar in design to the Alexander L. Kielland.

According to Lloyd's Register of Shipping, the London certification society, there are 11 such Pentagon-type rigs. Of those Lloyd's has covered nine, and its Norwegian counterpart, Det Norske Veritas, the remainder. An official said that after the Kielland disaster, all similar rigs were given extensive checks.

In the coming weeks, most attention is likely to be focused on three Pentagone, five-legged, rigs operating in the British sector of the North Sea. They are Dixilyn 96, operated by Amoco; Dixilyn 97, operated by Union Oil, and Pentagon 84, operated by Total. Pentagon 84 is being moved; the other two are on the Heather and Hutton North West oilfields, respectively.

"Exhaustive" inspections were made by both the companies and by Department of Energy officials after the Kielland disaster, and the three rigs were pronounced safe. There were unconfirmed reports at the weekend that the Union Oil rig is to be modified in line with changes recommended by the Norwegian authorities.

Yesterday, the Department of Energy said it was unable to comment until it had studied the Norwegian report. Although it has been satisfied by checks carried out previously, it is clearly prepared to review safety procedures and requirements.

Modifications have been carried out to a fourth similar rig, British Petroleum's Drillmaster, now being used in the Buchan field. BP commissioned an independent inquiry into the safety of the rig by Professor Sir Hugh Ford, then pro-rector of Imperial College, London, and subsequently incorporated suggested improvements to strengthen the rig during work to convert it for production purposes being carried out at Storoway, Isle of Lewis.

'Millions wasted' on tonsil operations

From Nicholas Timmins
Lancaster

Huge savings could be made in the National Health Service if dotcors spent more time assessing the real benefits of the treatment they give against the costs, a former government adviser on resource distribution in the service said at the weekend.

At present millions were still spent on operations to remove tonsils and adenoids from which few children really benefited, while further savings could be made by stopping ineffective attempts to cure lung cancer, Dr Malcolm Forsythe, regional medical officer to the South-east Thames Regional Health Authority, said.

That would allow resources o be freed to develop the "Ciuderella" services, such as care for the mentally ill and handicapped.

The told the British Medical Association's junior members orum at Lancaster University n Saturday that, despite the lleged priority given to the ervices since 1976, spending in ospitals on mentally ill atients had fallen from 13 per er cent of NHS expendirure hat year to under 12.5 per cent 1979-80.

Community health spending ad remained constant instead f rising as planned, while expenditure on the care of the entally hendicapped had risen y only 0.5 per cent instead of 8 per cent a year.

"It is quite clear that these ational objectives have not een reached", he said. "It is o use sitting back and hoping mething will be done by the w small district health authoties. It is quite clear that the elegation of responsibility by overnment in this matter will eritably mean that it will not cept any blame for the severe dictments that will follow the xt inquiry into a psychiatric mentally handicapped hostal, and every region has got s volcanoes."

ivate work in NHS: Private actice should be brought back to the National Health Service to benefit health service patients, Professor Roy Calne, professor of surgery at Cambridge University, told the forum. At present the expansion of private hospitals was taking trained doctors and nurses out of the service.

"It is divisive of the doctor's loyalty. Should he be in Harley Street or in his NHS hospital?", he aded. "It also means that whether we want to admit it or not, the longer the waiting list in the NHS, the better for private practice.

"I am not saying that doctors are making the waiting list longer to encourage private practice; I am just saying that there is a relationship. If we brought private practice back into health service hospitals it would keep staff in the hospitals and we could make some money to help run them."

Dr Gerard Vaughan, Minister for Health, said the Government wanted to encourage private practice in the health service. Since the abolition of the Health Services Board, which had the job of phasing out NHS pay beds, applications could be made for new pay beds to be established. But there had not been a single application to do so.

Seat-belt vote: Health ministers are pressing Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Transport, to allow a free vote in the House of Commons on the compulsory wearing of seat belts.

An amendment to the Transport Bill signed by more than a hundred. MPs may be blocked at the report stage, but the British Medical Association and the Automobile Association who are both pressing strongly for the amendment, believe it could be reintroduced in the Lords and that it would go through the Commons on a free vote.

Health ministers have been urging Mr Fowler that such a move be allowed, now that the Government has accepted an amendment making it compulsory for children to wear seat belts and for those aged under one to travel only in the backs seats of cars.

Police chief inquiry procedure criticized

From Ronald Kershaw
Leeds

Some members of the police committee of West Yorkshire County Council are complaining that they were left in the dark over a decision to call in Sir Philip Knights, Chief Constable of the West Midlands, to investigate complaints against the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, Mr Ronald Gregory, and other unnamed senior police officers.

The council's labour group is to be asked whether it considers a special meeting of the police committee should be called to hear a report about allegiations against the police officers, and to consider whether action by the three appointed members of the police committee in mounting the investigation was the right thing to do.

Mr Raymond Graham, a member of the police committee and chairman of the Labour group, said last night "My personal view is that a special meeting should be called simply to discover what is going on. The last meeting of the police committee was on March 3, and no mention was made of any complaint against the police.

"I do not know whether the three appointed members knew o fthe complaint at that time, but even if they did not, allegations against senior officers, including a chief constable are a sufficiently serious matter to call a special meeting."

The three police committee members appointed to take urgent decisions between meetings are the chairman, Mr Kenneth Davison, the vice-chairman, Mr Ronald Warren, and shadow chairman, Mr Ronald Darrington.

None of the appointed members was prepared to expand on their original statement that, after discussion with the Home Office, they had decided to call in Sir Philip. It is understood, though not confirmed, that a complaint had been made about the police investigation into a series of deaths after which Mr Peter William Sutcliffe, a lorry-driver, was charged with murder.

Another member of the police committee, Mr Michael Parkinson, said: "The three apppinted members have acted within their powers, but morally, in my view, they have acted wrongly.

"They have not named the other officers involved with the result that every senior policeman in the force is under the shadow of suspicion".

One reason why the appointed members may have taken the action they did is that today is the closing date for nominations in the county council elections, and all committees, including the police committee, comprising 24 county councillors and 12 magistrates, go into a state of limbo until after the election.

Mr Benn backs call for series to investigate alleged anti-union bias

Distortion in television news bulletins claimed

By Brian MacArthur

Accusations of bias and distortion in television news bulletins have been made against the BBC and the Independent Broadcasting Authority by more than a hundred professors, trade union leaders and MPs.

They suggest that all three channels are failing to present balanced programmes, in a letter to Mr George Howard, chairman of the BBC, Sir Ian Trethowan, director general, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, chairman of the IBA, and Sir Brian Young, director general.

The signatories include Mr Wedgwood Benn and 73 other Labour MPs and 23 union general secretaries, including among them Mr Mostyne Evans (transport workers), Sir John Boyd (engineering workers), Mr Joseph Gormley (miners), Mr David Basnett (general and municipal workers), and Mr Alan Sapper and Mr D. A. Hearn, leaders of the two main broadcasting unions.

The 20 academics include Professor Stuart Hall, of the Open University, Professor Stuart Hood (Goldsmiths College and once deputy head of BBC News), Professor Joan Robinson and Professor Raymond Williams both of Cambridge and Mr E. P. Thompson, the historian.

They say that bias against the trade union and Labour movement in public broadcasting has been documented by several academic studies, including the work of the Leicester University Mass Communications Centre and the Birmingham University Centre for Cultural Studies.

"Recently the appearance of *Bad News* and *More Bad News* by the Glasgow University Media Group [two books criticizing television news coverage] has again highlighted an enormous gap between the obligations of the broadcasters to give a balanced account and what they actually do.

"We request that there be a televized presentation of these issues in a series of programmes in which this evidence can be shown in detail."

The Glasgow University group has been criticizing BBC and Independent Television News for the past six years, arguing that much of what passes as balanced and factual news reporting on television is produced from a highly partial viewpoint.

In the first four months of 1975 there were 17 occasions when somebody appeared to argue against the Wilson government's policy of restraining wages as a solution to the economic crisis, against 287 occasions when somebody argued in favour of them, its research showed.

Mr Greg Phile, one of the authors of *More Bad News*, says: "The mass of empirical evidence that the Glasgow group has gathered suggests that the television news is organized around a narrow economic and political viewpoint. This goes beyond saying that television news favours certain individuals and institutions by giving them fore time and status.

"The nature of the analysis is deeper than this. In the end it relates to the picture of society in general and industrial society in particular that television news constructs. This at its most damaging includes the laying of blame for society's industrial and economic problems at the door of the work force.

"This is done in the face of contradictory evidence which, when it appears, is either ignored, smothered, or at worst, treated as if it supports the narrow views utilized by the producers of news."

Confidential minutes of BBC News and Current Affairs meetings obtained by the group show that the BBC is taking accusations of bias made by Mr Benn seriously. At a meeting on January 13 this year, Mr John Simpson, political editor, described a conversation with Mr Benn.

The minutes say: "Mr Benn had restated his well-known criticism of the BBC's coverage of politics, claiming it concentrated on personalities rather than politics; that the BBC traditionally inhabited the old centre ground of the man of good will and intent; and that it portrayed this centre ground as being held by people like Jim Prior, Ted Heath and Shirley Williams who were the *good guys and girls*

"John Simpson said he had countered these suggestions vigorously but he had wondered whether there was not a grain of truth in some of them

At the end of the meeting, Mr David Holmes, chief assistant to the director general, said that Mr Benn had had a complete programme to himself and his ideas on *Westminster in the early 1970s*. "He had had numerous other invitations to broadcast but would not accept them unless the conditions were exactly to his liking."

Photograph by Bill Warhurst

Driving force: Police officers inspecting an all-enclosed motor cycle with safety air bags at yesterday's BP Buildabike Competition at the Police Driving School, in Hendon, north-west London. Inside is Martin Aspland from Pentrehaford Comprehensive School, Swansea. Fellow pupils designed the air-bags to inflate automatically in a serious accident; the idea won them a place in yesterday's finals. Edgbarrow Comprehensive School in Berkshire won the competition.

Anger over TV look at Broadmoor

By Kenneth Gosling

The BBC has been asked to make a broadcast apology for a reference to Broadmoor in a trailer last Friday for a series about the special institution that starts on Thursday.

Special permission to film inside Broadmoor was given to a *Nationwide* team by the Department of Health and Social Security. But the Mathew Trust, which represents the interests of mental offenders and the victims of violent crime, has taken exception to a BBC reference to the institution's "700 patients judged to be criminally insane".

It is seeking a guarantee from the BBC that no such references will be made in the series; its chairman, Mr Peter Thompson, said 19 per cent of Broadmoor's inmates had no criminal records. Since it became a special hospital, the people there had been patients, not lunatics, and should not be referred to as criminally insane.

If the trust did not have the guarantee by today it would apply for a High Court injunction to prevent the series

The Press Council upheld a previous complaint by the trust against a newspaper after the description "criminally insane" was used about Broadmoor patients.

The BBC said last night that nothing could be done until today when the matter would be examined by *Nationwide*.

EMI finds a genuine Lipatti recording

By Martin Huckerby
Music Reporter

EMI Records, faced with the fact that the record it has been selling as Dinu Lipatti playing Chopin's *first piano concerto* is actually a performance by a Polish pianist, has now gained possession of another recording which, it believes, really does have Lipatti as the soloist.

Tne The original record, which has sold about 60,000 copies, turned out to be a 1955 recording made by the Czech company Supraphon, with Halina Czerny-Stefanska as the pianist. EMI has stopped production, and plans to issue its new acquisition instead.

Mr Peter Andry, director of EMI's international classical division, said the newly-acquired tape had "every defect known to the recording art", with wow and flutter and very dim orchestral sound. But the playing was "astounding", making the other record sound pallid.

The company's engineers are working to clean up the recording, and the new record will probably be on sale before the end of the year.

The tape was made from a Swiss broadcast on February 7, 1950, by the late Rumanian virtuoso with the Zurich Tonhalle Orchestra under Otto Ackermann. Its authenticity was indicated by the inclusion of three encores which Lipatti was known to have played on that occasion.

Madame Madeleine Lipatti, the pianist's widow, has heard the tape and confirmed that it is the playing of her husband. Mr Andry could not explain why she and others had, 20 years ago, authenticated the Czech recording as a Lipatti performance.

The new tape, which is accepted as genuine, comes from Dr Marc Gertsch, of Bern.

EMI is writing to Miss Czerny-Stefanska to apologize, and will be making financial restitution to her and to Supraphon. There will also be arrangements for replacement records for people who bought the original "Lipatti" record.

Covent Garden dismisses tardy soprano

By Our Music Reporter

The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, has dismissed one of its leading singers for not attending rehearsals.

In today's and subsequent performances of Donizetti's comic opera *L'elisir d'amore*, the role of Adina was to have been taken by Daniela Mazzucato, a young Venetian soprano. However, the opera house announced that since she had failed "to observe the requirements of her contract in relation to rehearsals, we regret that we have had no alternative but to replace her with another soprano".

The part will be taken by Adriana Anelli. She has sung the role in Italy with Carlo Bergonzi, who is taking the part of Nemorino at the Royal Opera House.

In the past Covent Garden has suffered because international singers have ignored rehearsal schedules, and turned up almost at the last minute to sing their roles, to the detriment of the production. Such behaviour is common in some foreign opera houses, but Covent Garden clearly wants to set an example.

Miss Mazzucato was herself a replacement; the part should have been taken by Sona Ghazarian,

Tory party group opposes child benefit switch

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

The Government is under strong pressure from within its own ranks to drop proposals to force most mothers to switch from weekly to monthly payments of child benefit.

The general purposes committee of the Conservative Party has made a special plea that all mothers should be given the choice of retaining weekly payments.

The committee's position has been conveyed in a private letter to Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services. A note appended to it, apparently by someone in Mr Jenkins's private office, says the approach must be "considered a very weighty one".

The proposals were made late last year after a report by Sir Derek Rayner, the Prime Minister's adviser on efficiency in Whitehall. The Rayner report recommended that most child benefit payments should be made every four weeks instead of weekly to reduce administrative costs.

After objections from the select committee on social services, *the Government announced in a Green Paper last year that it would widen the group* of mothers who could keep weekly payments, but that most would have to switch to monthly payments in 1982. Since then the Government has delayed making a decision.

So far 550 individuals, organizations and local authorities have responded to the Green Paper. Most haxe expressed doubts that the switch would be acceptable.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Social Security, last week issued a list of 45 organizations which had said that a switch to four-weekly payments should be optional for all parents.

The proposals would save about £50m in benefit money *in the year the switch was* made, and about £13m annually in administrative costs. Most of the objections to forcing a switch to monthly payments are based on worries that many families could not manage without weekly payments.

There has been a sharp increase in the numbers of mothers cashing child benefits every week in the last 18 months.

End of national insurance payments sought

By Our Social Services Correspondent

A call for the abolition of national insurance contributions is made today, the day higher rates for employees begin. The new rates will mean the highest earners having to pay £4.36 a week more, with a new maximum weekly contribution of £15.50 for those earning £200 a week or more.

Some low paid workers will no longer have to pay contributions, but those earning £26 a week will face a national insurance bill of £2.09 a week if their earnings rise by £1. The new rates result from the 1 per cent increase in employees' contributions announced last November by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

In a report today, the Low Pay Unit argues that the entire contribution system is regressive, with the poorest workers paying proportionately seven times as much into the fund as the richest. That is because contributions do not have to be paid on earnings above a ceiling set for this tax year at £200 a week.

In addition, some employers avoid paying their share of contributions, according to the report. In some cases employers are dismissing full-time workers and replacing them with part-timers whose earnings are too low to bring them into the contribution net. Other employers are cutting wage rates or working hours to avoid paying contributions.

The report suggests that employees should have their national insurance contributions combined with income tax, and that benefits should be paid according to need. Employers' contributions should be replaced by a separate social security payroll tax related to the total wage bill, with special exemptions for small companies.

Insuring Poverty at Work (Low Pay Unit, 9 Poland Street, London, W1V 3DG) 95p.

Royal wedding critics ask for red flag protest

From Our Correspondent
Sheffield

Labour Party activists in the Netherthorpe ward of Sheffield want to fly the red flag over the town hall on the day of the Prince of Wales's wedding as a protest at the cost. Their proposal is to be discussed by the party's district excecutive.

The money spent on festivities could be better used to help the unemployed, the Netherthorpe members say.

Mr John Laurent, Labour councillor for the area, said: "The royal wedding is an expensive jamboree which is not alleviating the problems we have in this city. I would be quite happy to see the red flag flying over the town hall."

Mr David Heslop, Conservative leader on the city council, said: "I think this is an insult to the people of Sheffield.

Private link with state coach operator

By Michael Bailey
Transport Correspondent

The first link between a ivate coach operator and the ate-owned National Express as announced yesterday.

Whittle Coaches, of Kidderminster, which operates a coach fleet in the West Midlands, is to join National Express in a three-hourly express rvice between Wolverhampn and London. Fares will be 20 single and £5 return.

The move looks at first sight e a severe blow to the ivate sector. The British achways consortium got off a flying start with its cutice inter-city fares after the w Transport Act in October.

But Mr Ronald Whitle, airman of Whittle, who is so this year's president of e Confederation of Passenr Transport Operators, said sterday there was nothing litical in the move. The deal s strictly "practical and mmercial".

Mr John Birk, National conoller, said several more deals uld be in the offing.

British Rail claim not to be fected by the expansion on ach travel. But they have it on some remarkable barin fares to meet the new mpetition,

Dog cart, Rolls-Royce and ice-cream van under the hammer together

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

One of the earliest cars to be built commercially, a Benz 3½hp Velo dog cart dating from around 1893-94, was sold by Sotheby's in Bristol on Saturday for £19,000 (estimate £20,000 to £22,000). It had belonged to the same aristocratic Italian family since it was new and was sent for sale by the original owner's grandson.

Sotheby's auction of veteran, vintage and special interest cars, was held as part of the South-West Classic Car Show, held in the Bristol Exhibition Complex, and the message was that people may like cars but they lack the money to buy them. The sale total was £320,150 with 60 per cent unsold, the most important failure being a 1921 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost Tourer unsold at £37,000 (estimate, £45,000 to £50,000).

The strongest competition was for a 1966 Lotus Climax 33 GP racing car built for Jim Clark the world champion, who was killed at the wheel of another car in 1968. The Caister Castle Motor Museum, Norfolk, paid £36,000 (estimate £20,000 to £25,000) to secure the car for its collection.

There was another very early car in the sale, an 1899 English Benz 4½hp dos-à-dos; passengers and driver are seated back to back. It was recently demonstrated that the car was built by John and Herbert Raffray at St Helier, Jersey, the oldest and perhaps the only car ever built on that island. It went to a Jersey buyer at £18,000 (estimate £18,000 to £20,000).

One of the curiosities was an Austin Neavy 12 ice-cream van, built around 1930 to the special specification of Mr Giovanni Dimaschio, who continued to sell ice cream from it around Tunbridge Wells until 1972. It was bought by the Southern Counties Vehicle Preservation Trust for £3,600 (estimate £4,000 to £4,200).

At Christie's South Kensington on Saturday the Friends of the Earth turned out to protest that an auction of natural history and sporting trophies lent encouragement to the slaughter of animals. But the sale room was packed and the sale total was £10,000 with less than 1 per cent unsold.

One of the most popular lots was a plaster (or composition) cast of a Nile perch, caught in Lake Albert, Canada, in 1924. The fish weighed 200½lb and was 7ft long and 5ft 4in in girth. The happy hunters had the cast ate it. The plaster version made £360 (estimate £20 to £70).

In Zurich on Friday Sotheby's held three sales devoted to European metal work and works of art. The sale of the Loets ten Cate collection made £109,487, with 10 per cent unsold; the most striking feature was the high prices for early candlesticks. A fourteenth century North German bronze candlestick with three lion supports made 27,000 Swiss francs (estimate 11,250 to 15,250) or £6,290. The mixed properties sale which followed made £80,000, with 26 per cent unsold.

Most successful was the sale of the third part of the Dresse de Lebioles collection of keys and locks, totalling £51,186, with less than 1 per cent unsold. A late sixteenth century Venetian key, the crowned bow set with a finely worked rosette, made 7,000 francs (estimate 1,000 to 1,500) or £1,632; a heavy seventeenth century French padlock with two keys, one each side, brought 6,500 francs (estimate 1,500 to 2,000) or £1,515.

A sale of fine Japanese prints and drawings at Phillips in New York on Saturday made a total of £55,060 with 14 per cent unsold.

Death of director of council on alcoholism

Mr Bill Kenyon, aged 57, executive director of the Merseyside, Lancashire and Cheshire Council on Alcoholism, collapsed and died yesterday in Liverpool.

He was to have addressed delegates to the fifth International Conference on Alcohol Related Problems last night.

Copies of his speech had already been released. In it, he wrote that many career women were turning to drink in an effort to ease pressures

Swedes surprised that West did not notice worst threat to Poland

From A Special Correspondent
Stockholm, April 5

Soviet tactical planning for a military intervention in Poland has reached its highest state of readiness for nine months, but careful monitoring of Russian movements in the Baltic region suggests that there is no imminent danger of an invasion.

Although the Soviet Army has just completed several practice marine landings on beaches near Tallinn in the Gulf of Finland, Swedish communications officers, listening in to Soviet radio traffic along the Baltic coast, are satisfied that divisions of the Red Army based beside the eastern Polish border show no signs at present of moving westwards.

They have nevertheless noted a distinct increase in Soviet military air traffic across Poland in the past 48 hours, a development that corresponds to American reports of a Russian "air bridge" into Poland, possibly to ferry material into Soviet bases in the country.

Sweden is disturbed at any unusual military activity around its borders, although it generally prefers to isolate itself from the interpretation of events espoused by the United States.

Indeed, the Swedes are surprised that the Americans, who almost daily voice dark, and somewhat contradictory, fears about Russian intentions in Poland, apparently failed to detect the most dangerous period in Poland's recent history. Early last December, several entire Soviet Army divisions left their barracks near Kaliningrad, 20 miles north of the Polish frontier, and were bivouacked in tents along the border.

Well-informed sources in Stockholm say that, at the same time, thousands of reservists were also called up in the Soviet Baltic states and that hundreds of civilian vehicles were commandeered for an apparent invasion.

Sweden, which safeguards its neutrality with a strict and occasionally jealous impartiality, never publicized its knowledge of these dramatic events; nor has it admitted that Soviet troops were poised to reach the Polish ports of Gdansk and Gdynia in less than two hours.

It is also fair to say that Sweden remains ignorant of the reasons why the Russians returned to their barracks after just one week instead of embarking on a military adventure into Poland.

This disturbing period began around December 6, when an unusual amount of Soviet military shipping was observed in the Baltic.

Sweden suspects that any Soviet intervention would be preceded by a sea blockade of the Polish coastline, and officials in Stockholm had their fears reinforced when on December 7 and 8, they received evidence that Soviet divisions had moved under canvas outside Kaliningrad and had set up a direct radio communications link with Moscow. Armies would not normally establish so important a radio network unless they were on the point of undertaking a serious operation.

There had been leadership changes in the Polish Communist Party's Central Committee on December 1, and two days later East Germany had concluded a new border treaty with Czechoslovakia, a development which was regarded at the time as having serious implications for Poland. But there were no hints in Western Europe that the Russians were planning any military intervention.

The Russian Army completed its initial movements by placing at least three divisions under canvas along the border by December 9. It was only then that the operation came to an abrupt halt. Nevertheless, tactical planning for Baltic operations, particularly developments in local military radio networks and logistics, have continued.

Although the West neglected to observe these worrying signs, there is no reason to doubt the Swedish information. Sweden's neutrality is intended to be more than just symbolic, and its Army pays close attention to military manoeuvres all around its borders; in Norway as well as in Poland.

The Swedes regard themselves as experts in code breaking and Swedish military intelligence is still proud of its ability to decipher Nazi radio codes up to 1945, a feat only performed elsewhere by the British and Americans, ironically with Polish assistance.

The Swedish Government, however, is anxious that the crisis in Poland should not be exaggerated, and some officials here are reported to be disturbed at what they regard as the promiscuous use made by the United States of any small-scale Soviet manoeuvres.

Attempts to sensationalize events on the other side of the Baltic are regarded as counterproductive not only for Poland, but for Sweden as well.

Troop manoeuvres recall Czechoslovakia in 1968

By Gabriel Ronay

The Warsaw Pact manoeuvres in and around Poland show marked similarities to the war games of Soviet-block forces before the invasion of Czechoslovakia in the summer of 1968.

Both began after unsatisfactory top-level talks between Soviet leaders and their reformist East European allies, and they continued well beyond their original finishing date to become a means of political pressure for Moscow.

The present "joint command-staff exercises"—involving the forces of Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Poland and Russia—were announced by Tass on March 10 amid mounting labour unrest in Poland and immediately after summit talks between Polish and Soviet leaders in Moscow.

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The ominous Warsaw Pact exercises on Czechoslovak territory began two months before the Soviet-led invasion of the country on August 21, 1968. They were announced on May 24, after growing tension between Moscow and Mr Alexander Dubcek's reformist regime. They began on June 20 and, in clear response to the pace of liberal reforms in Czechoslovakia, altered their original scope and duration.

Initially, they were envisaged as joint exercises of command and staff personnel, with little or no troop movements involved. But within a week, in response to the Prague decision to convene the 14th party congress to strengthen the reformists in the party leadership, heavy armour, tactical air units and signal troops were brought in.

This state now appears to have been reached in the present pact exercises. Heavy armour, tactical air units and marine forces along the Polish coast have joined the war games. The manoeuvres are being given extensive coverage in the East German and Czechoslovak party press. Tass has justified them as designed "to protect the socialist achievements of member states".

The extension of the Czechoslovak manoeuvres was couched in almost identical terms, following a warning from Warsaw Pact leaders at a hasty summit in Warsaw on July 14, 1968, that if Mr Dubcek continued to show weakness towards "the counter-revolutionaries", it would be the duty of the pact nations to intervene "in order to defend the socialist achievements of the Czechoslovak people".

Three weeks after the official end of the exercises, Soviet and Polish troops were still in the country despite urgent requests for their departure.

The reason given by Marshal Ivan Yakubovsky, then Commander-in-Chief of the pact forces, for the order halting the withdrawal of Soviet forces was at first that "troops could only be moved at night"; later "abnormal road conditions" were blamed and when, in view of the good summer, this was beginning to wear thin, the Russians said that "bridges had to be tested to check whether they would support the heavy equipment".

Haig visit to Middle East clarifies US priorities

From Our Correspondent
Cairo, April 5

The United States today assured its Arab allies that it would continue to strive for a settlement of the Middle East conflict while at the same time forging ahead with efforts to create an anti-Soviet alignment in the region as a deterrent to Soviet encroachment.

The assurances were given by Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, after a two-hour meeting with President Sadat of Egypt. There have been widespread reports that the Reagan Administration considers the security of the Gulf region a more important priority than settling the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Mr Haig, who is visiting Egypt, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Jordan, said that both issues were "fundamentally related"

However, his preoccupation with the Soviet threat was underlined when—during the joint press conference with Mr Sadat—Mr Haig seized the opportunity to remind the Soviet Union that America would not tolerate "any intervention or internal repression" in Poland.

The Secretary of State said the situation in Poland was "more tense than it has been". The United States was "watching Soviet military steps with growing concern".

This forceful attitude of the Reagan Administration, represented by Mr Haig, appears to have won Egypt's admiration. Mr Sadat said it was time that the United States "resumes its role as the first superpower responsible for peace all over the world".

Sources said that the Egyptians were pleased that the Americans had refrained from pressing for permanent bases in Egypt.

It is known that the United States wants to station an American or Western intervention force in and around the Middle East to deter Moscow from agression in the vital oil regions. Arab states, however, are clearly sensitive to a foreign military presence in the Middle East.

Senior officials in Mr Haig's party offered assurances upon their arrival yesterday that the United States would respect Arab opposition to American bases or combat forces on their soil. Egypt and Sudan have offered the United States the use of their military facilities for training exercises, but have emphasized that they cannot go further.

Neither President Sadat nor Mr Haig indicated whether progress was made on the issue of a multi-nation peacekeeping force in the Sinai, which Israeli troops are due to evacuate next April.

Because of Soviet opposition, a United Nations force is not considered likely, so the United States and Egypt are trying to put an independent force together.

Role for Israel: On his arrival in Israel, Mr Haig concentrated on the Soviet threat to the Middle East in his talks with Israeli leaders (Moshe Brilliant writes from Jerusalem).

The Israelis, led by Mr Menachem Begin, the Prime Minister, were, however, said to be more concerned about the dangers to their own security arising from the supply of advanced weapons to America's Arab allies.

The two leaders said they had talked in generalities at their first business session, but would discuss details tomorrow. Mr Begin spoke today of Israel's concern about the situation in Lebanon.

Mr Haig, in an airport speech on his arrival from Egypt, said that his Middle East mission was primarily "to discuss with our friends how we can meet the threat posed by the Soviet Union and its surrogates in the entire area". He added that America recognized that Israel had an important role to play.

The Secretary of State also reassured Israelis that the Reagan Administration recognized the Camp David accords as a solid basis for securing peace and security for Israel and its neighbours.

Israel leaders are expected to raise questions about the stalled autonomy talks and the arrangements to set up a multinational force to police areas of the Sinai, which Israel is due to evacuate next year.

Arabs concerned: Arab leaders in Jordan and Saudi Arabia will this week be making a concerted attempt to persuade Mr Haig not to permit the Palestinian issue to be downgraded in the Reagan Administration's Middle East policy (Christopher Walker writes from Amman).

According to diplomatic sources, private exchanges have already taken place between the two Governments for a coordinated approach on this sensitive question. Both King Husain of Jordan and King Khalid of Saudi Arabia will emphasize that a solution to the Palestinian problem is the key to countering any Soviet threat in the region.

Explaining the position which will be outlined at talks, due to open in Amman tomorrow, a senior Jordanian official told *The Times*: "It is solving rather than side-stepping the Palestinian issue which will defuse the possible radicalization of the Arab states—and it is this which is providing the Soviets with their best openings in the region".

A strongly-worded leading article in *Al Dustour* said today: "Stability in the Middle East and the Gulf area cannot take place through military and political alliances, but through putting an end to Zionist ambitions and resolving the issue of the Palestinian people.

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Foreign Minister (left), welcoming Mr Alexander Haig, the American Secretary of State, at Ben-Gurion airport, Tel Aviv, yesterday. Mr Haig is visiting four Middle East countries.

Business proceeds as normal after big scare over America's nuclear football

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, April 5

The American Administration is continuing to demonstrate by every means possible that business proceeds as normal—a phrase used repeatedly in the past few days—in the wake of the attempt to assassinate President Reagan.

Mr Reagan is briefed every day on the world situation, notably on events in Poland, and although he is naturally doing little sustained work, he is once again clearly in charge of the Government. For the first two or three days after the shooting, that control was more theoretical than real, but that phase has now ended.

There have been no emergencies, but if one arises Mr Reagan will deal with it. The most serious possible emergency, of course, concerns the armed forces, and this is what the confusion was about on Monday afternoon immediately after the shooting.

The American nuclear forces are controlled by the President personally in his capacity as Commander in Chief. If he is incapacitated, the Vice-President takes over and after him, the Secretary of Defence.

When the President leaves the White House, a military aide follows him around with "the football", a set of codes that would enable the President to order American nuclear forces into action, if necessary.

The football is in fact a briefcase, and on the film of the attempted assassination on Monday there is a brief moment when the officer in charge of it can be seen running like a mad man to catch the car that followed the President's as it made its precipitate departure from the scene of the shooting.

Now that the White House has taken over a floor at the George Washington University Hospital, where Mr Reagan is recuperating, the military aides and all their equipment are safely installed in a room near the President's.

On Monday, however, with Mr Reagan in the operating theatre, the man with the football was redundant. Control of the nuclear forces was then excercised, in theory, from the Situation Room in the basement of the White House, where Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Secretary of Defence, and other officials had gone immediately after the shooting.

When Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, arrived in Washington shortly after 7 pm [the shooting occured at 2.25 pm], he immediately presided over the Administration. Until then authority was excercised by Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, and by Mr Weinberger, with some conflict.

Now both these officials are abroad—Mr Haig in Israel and Mr Weinberger in Europe. The Government is directed by the President, and the vice-President represents the President at most meetings and at some public occasions.

Mr Bush, who had been distrusted by Mr Reagan's loyalists because he is considered a shade too liberal and because he opposed Mr Reagan throughout the primary campaign, has become more or less accepted as a loyal team player.

Then came the shooting, and Mr Bush won further praise. He modelled his conduct on that of Mr Richard Nixon, who was Vice-President when President Eisenhower was seriously ill in 1955. The rule was that the Vice-President must be discreet, should represent the President, but not usurp his authority in any way. This is a role Mr Bush has played to perfection since last Monday.

Mr Dayan to present own independent list in election

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv, April 5

Mr Moshe Dayan formally announced at the weekend that he will stand in the general election on June 30 as head of a new independent list.

His associate candidates include political novices and veteran mavericks who have bounced from party to party over the years, but who mostly at one time or another have belonged to Labour. On the issue of Middle East peace, they range from hardliners to liberals.

The latest public opinion polls indicate the list will send nine deputies to the 120-member Knesset. Most will be at the expense of Labour which despite recent losses in the polls remains overwhelmingly favoured to return to power.

Mr Dayan is not aspiring to form the next Government; but the polls give him reason to hope that Labour and the National Religious Party will be unable to form a governing coalition without his group.

He said yesterday that in such an event he would press for a government of national unity, presumably including Labour and Likud. In such an administration his middle of the road group might become a fulcrum of power.

The new list, which is not a party, is called Telem, an acronym for a Hebrew phrase meaning state renewal movement.

Conspicuously missing from the list of candidates was Mr Yigael Hurwitz, the former Finance Minister in the Likud Government, who had been one of Mr Dayan's key sponsors.

Mr Hurwitz, a hard liner who had opposed the peace treaty with Egypt and the autonomy plan for the West Bank, rejected the group's support for Mr Dayan's scheme for the unilateral withdrawal of the military government from the West Bank to allow the Palestinians to implement the autonomy plan without having to accept it explicitly.

The Telem list of candidates includes Dr. Yisrael Katz, Minister of Labour and Welfare in the outgoing Government, representing the now defunct Democratic Movement, Mr Zalman Shoval, a member of Mr Hurwitz's Rafi faction in Parliament, and Mr Herzl Shafir, who was dismissed earlier this year as Inspector General of Police on charges of resisting civilian supervision.

Basque authorities try to calm nuclear opponents

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, April 5

In an attempt to calm opponents of nuclear power, the Basque regional government is expected to announce an alternative plan this week now that the Madrid Government has turned down a long-standing Basque proposal to hold a referendum on the matter.

The central Government's objections to a referendum on the construction of the Lemoniz nuclear plant near Bilbao, were explained last Wednesday to Señor Carlos Garaikoetxea, the president of the Basque government, by Señor Ignacio Bayon, Minister of Industry and Energy. Among those reasons is the desire to avoid setting a precedent.

One of the most likely alternatives being considered by the regional authorities is that they should buy a share in Iberduero, the company which is building the new power station and then name a representative of the Basque government as a member of the board, thus making the Basque electorate indirect participants in the project, with indirect control via the regional government.

Both the central government and Señor Garaikoetxea seem to be agreed that construction of the station should go ahead.

Construction, already running a year behind schedule, almost came to a halt last February when Señor José Maria Ryan, the plant's chief engineer, was murdered and threats were made by Basque extremists against the lives of others involved in the project.

Thousands protest against atomic weapons in Bonn

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, April 5

The nuclear attack alarm went up, terrified crowds thronged to the Government's emergency bunker in the Eifel Hills; but guards pushed them back. The bunker is only for top Nato and government officials. Everyone else has to face death from radiation.

The scene was acted out to bystanders this weekend by about 250 members of ecological groups at an entrance to the bunker near Bad Neuenahr as the fear of nuclear destruction increases in West Germany.

It was one of a series of demonstrations in and around Bonn prompted by the meeting here next Tuesday and Wednesday of the Nato nuclear planning group.

In Bonn's Münsterplatz another group simulated the Nato planners deciding on weapons which would annihilate West Germany. Some of the actors wore shrouds.

About 14,000 people from all over Germany and abroad gathered on Saturday for a march and demonstration to protest at the meeting. Chanting groups demanded that West Germany leave Nato. Slogans and banners protested at the Nato decision to modernize its medium range nuclear weapons.

"No Money For Nuclear Missiles" and "Germany Has Suffered Enough" some of the banners read. A torchlight protest and a demonstration by militant women's groups are planned outside the Defence Ministry during the next few days.

The protesters come from a wide variety of movements ranging from the ecological "Green Party" to pacifist groups and the Moscow-oriented West German Communist Party.

Their influence is spreading inside the ruling Social Democratic Party; but the demonstrators failed to mobilize the citizens of staid Christian Democratic Bonn to join their protest. The capital ignored it.

Herr Peter-Kurt Würsbach, a Christian Democratic defence expert, said that the demonstrators were inspired only by a "new anti-American pacifism". They did not really want arms control, he said, but simply unilateral disarmament by Nato.

The anti-nuclear movement has been fuelled largely by a growing feeling that the United States is no longer interested in negotiating a balanced reduction of medium-range nuclear weapons which are aimed at German towns and cities.

In the meantime, the Soviet Union is pressing ahead with its rapid build-up of fearsome threeheaded SS20s.

Swiss turn down better deal for foreign workers

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, April 5

The Swiss surprised themselves today by the size of the majority a national referendum produced against proposals designed to improve the circumstances of foreign workers who comprise at least 25 per cent of the country's labour force of almost three million. A rejection had been anticipated but not one so decisive.

The proposals, presented as a constitutional amendment, were rejected by 1,303,979 votes (83.8 per cent) to 252,323 (16.2 per cent).

Participation was 39.5 per cent—fairly high for a weekend referendum in fine weather. In the Swiss heartland, in such places such as Schwys and Glaris, votes against range from 90 to 93 per cent.

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French prostitutes launch into print

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, April 5

French prostitutes broke new ground some years ago when they decided to go on strike in defence of their rights. They have now taken the further step of publishing their own fortnightly newspaper, appropriately for street-walkers, called *Macadam*.

The first issue, launched at a press conference held by the Defence and Action Committee of Prostitutes, is printed in offset and 10,000 copies are to be put on sale in Paris, the provinces and Geneva.

The front page carries the headline: "Prostitutes yes, whores no". Together with a photograph of an anti-brothel demonstration, it offers an editorial devoted to a five-year-old scheme for an association of prostitutes, a run down of their demands since 1975, and details about French legislation about the profession. On page 3, there is a letter to the French population about the fate of unmarried mothers who try to bring up their children alone. It emphasizes the principle—which has remained a dead letter—that they are citizens just like any others.

"Prostitution is not forbidden by law, because prostitutes are needed", one of the features says; but they required help "to fight the injustices of which they are the victims". This situation is illustrated by a drawing by Cabu showing a prostitute with a child in her arms, and in her shadow a policeman, a pimp, and a tax collector.

The French law on prostitution is, to put it mildly, paradoxical. As *Le Matin* the independent left-wing newspaper points out, the law permits it, but condemns debauchery, and therefore soliciting, which is regarded as a provocation to debauchery. Prostitution is therefore an accepted profession, but its exercise is forbidden.

This does not prevent prostitutes from paying taxes, and fines varying from 1,200 to 3,000 francs (£100-£300) for "active soliciting" and from 300 to 600 francs for "passive soliciting". All of which was described at the press conference as "unbelievable hypocrisy".

Procuring is forbidden, and any person living with a prostitute is described as a procurer. If the couple have a child, it is often taken away on grounds of the "moral danger" to which it is exposed.

The great wind of revolt which blew among French prostitutes six years ago, and led to demonstrations, protests in churches in Lyons and other provincial towns, and the appointment by the Government of a "Mr Prostitution" to report on the state of the profession, has had little effect. The report has been buried, the prostitutes are forgotten and they continue to be victimized by the police and the tax authorities.

But their mood has changed. "Let no one say prostitutes are stupid". Merry, the chairman of their association, declared. "One day, we found ourselves, 15 of us, together in a flat, and argued all night like trade unionists about our problems, dropping our work for a whole night."

What they want is to be free like other women and treated like respectable citizens. "After all, we are of public utility", Isa, the Swede, insisted. They are ready to pay taxes, and representatives of their association have already had talks at the ministry for the Budget on a reasonable basis of taxation.

"You think we shall be respected if we pay taxes?" one woman asked. "For the bourgeois, we shall always be tarts. All that will happen is that we shall fall from the hands of our pimps into those of the state."

Jordan TV cuts Israel out of song contest

From Our Special Correspondent
Amman, April 5

Unconventional local editing enabled Arab television viewers in Jordan to watch a live colour transmission of last night's Eurovision Song Contest from Dublin in blissful ignorance that Israel was one of the 20 countries competing.

After a government order to censor the Israeli entry, the state-controlled Jordanian television network cut without explanation into the satellite broadcast just before the Israeli song was due to be performed. The station then relayed a bland series of commercials and a brief musical interlude until it was deemed safe to return to the contest.

The live transmission continued uninterrupted until the world-wide television audience was due to be shown the voting on the electronic scoreboard which showed the name of Israel.

This, too, was cut—again without explanation—and bewildered viewers had to wait for more than an hour before being informed by a newsflash that the contest had been won by the United Kingdom.

Colony admits woman barrister

Hongkong, April 5.—The first barrister from a Commonwealth country other than Britain has been granted permission to practise in Hongkong. She is Mrs Valerie Penlington, of New Zealand, wife of Mr Justice Penlington, a Supreme Court judge.

Before a recent amendment to the Legal Practitioners' Ordinance, qualified lawyers born in Commonwealth countries were not permitted to practise in Hongkong.

Correction

In a news item about Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Colombian novelist, on March 28 the Colombian Government was incorrectly described as a military regime.

Greece spurns Brezhnev pact

Athens, April 5.—Greece has rejected President Brezhnev's proposal for a bilateral pact, binding the Soviet Union not to use nuclear weapons against Greece in return for a Greek undertaking not to allow the stationing of nuclear arms here.

A Greek Government statement emphasized that the question of the limitation of nuclear or other armaments could not be resolved by means of bilateral agreements.

Maputo rations fuel

Maputo, April 5.—The Mozambican Government introduced petrol and diesel fuel rationing today to curb consumption and conserve foreign exchange.

Contents of Nice casino go under the hammer

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, April 5

The Palis de la Méditerranée, on the Promenade dese Anglais at Nice, one of the most famous casinos in the world and for nearly half a century in its heyday the rendezvous of the most celebrated gamblers, lived its last at the weekend.

The contents of the sumptuous building of white marble, scene of so many galas before and after the last war, were sold at auction, down to the last saucer and napkin.

The Palais de la Méditerranée was closed in 1978 after getting into increasing financial difficulties and the board filed a petition in bankruptcy. But the employees refused to leave and occupied the building for more than a year. Different solutions were tried in vain, and in the end they gave up.

The last fight to save the casino was put up by preservation associations who fought a determined battle to have it preserved, with all its contents as a unique masterpiece of the *Art Decoratif* style of the 1920s.

But they too were unsuccessf

The casino was built in 19[...] Some of the works of art it co[...] tained were sold in 1979, inclu[...] ing a famous bronze by Rodi[...] "L'Age d'Airain", which he d[...] in 1875. It was bought by t[...] municipality of Nice for 300,0[...] francs (about £27,000). Som[...] pictures by Chagall and Fernan[...] Léger were also acquired [...] private collectors.

In the last two days, all t[...] rest has been auctioned o[...] There were no bidders howev[...] for the elaborate gilt bronze ra[...] of the grand staircase. Thre[...] large stained glass windows i[...] the taste characteristic of th[...] period sold for 120,000 franc[...] Two bronze groups of childre[...] with garlands, the work of [...] Maubert, and dated 192[...] fetched 68,000 francs and 64,00[...] francs. Four fine gamblin[...] tables with marqueterie design[...] of racehorses made between 22,000 francs and 30,000 franc[...] each. Chairs in macassar woo[...] in the 1925 fashion were sol[...] for 750 francs each. The tota[...] proceeds of the sale exceeded one million francs.

Tale of two lunches as socialists get together

From Richard Davy
Königswinter, April 5

The West German S[...] Democrats have been c[...] delicately with the arriv[...] two British socialist parti[...] the thirty-first Anglo-Ge[...] conference, which ended today.

Many of them have per[...] friends in both the L[...] Party and among the S[...] Democrats. But when [...] wanted to entertain them [...] lunch the Social Demo[...] agreed, while the Labour [...] members objected, so [...] lunches were given.

Some of the more left [...] West German Social Demo[...] were sent to the Social [...] cratic lunch because they r[...] risk of being accused of m[...] to the right. Others who [...] have been drawn by frien[...] sympathy or curiosity t[...] Social Democratic lunch h[...] entertain the Labour Par[...]

Today, the West Ge[...] Social Democratic Party p[...] an official statement cla[...] its position. It said tha[...] foundation of a social [...] cratic party in Britain w[...] internal British develo[...] arising out of Britain's [...] political constellation.

The German Social [...] crats, it went on, had a[...] worked with the represent[...] of the British labour move[...] They regretted any de[...] ment which could weake[...] movement, and nothing [...] change in the close rel[...] between the two pa[...] especially in the framewo[...] the Confederation of So[...] Parties of the European [...] munity and the Socialist [...] national.

Whether the founding [...] new party could transfor[...] political landscape of B[...] must be decided solely b[...] citizens and voters of Br[...] the statement said.

This statement was se[...] slightly cool by some B[...] Social Democrats, but [...] were sure that their per[...] contacts with the Ger[...] would not be affected. [...] Shirley Williams said tha[...] Social Democrats did [...] expect to join the Soc[...] International until they [...] established their electoral [...] port either in by-election [...] in general elections.

Meanwhile, it is unders[...] that the West German S[...] Democrats envisaged pa[...] mentary contacts with [...] Social Democrats' parlia[...] tary group. Many certainly [...] closer to the Social Demo[...] than to the Labour Party w[...] views on Europe, Nato [...] public ownership some re[...] with some perplexity. Thi[...] due in part to the fact tha[...] broad terms the categorie[...] West German and British [...] tics are not really compara[...]

Yugoslavs condemn Kosovo riot[...]

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade, April 5

Martial law, which was [...] clared in the Yugoslav au[...] mous region of Kosovo a[...] Wednesday's Albanian natio[...] ist riots, is still in force, [...] life is slowly returning [...] normal in Pristina, the ca[...] of the region.

Security forces in tanks [...] armoured cars are still guar[...] public buildings in the city [...] well as in the neighbou[...] towns. While politicians [...] holding urgent meetings, t[...] grams are pouring in from [...] parts of the country conde[...] ing the violence and [...] organizers of the nationalist [...] monstrations.

The region is still closed [...] foreign diplomats and journ[...] ists but television reports [...] night provided glimpses of [...] clashes and violence. The n[...] ber of casualties has yet to [...] revealed. But there are fe[...] that the death toll may be m[...] higher than the two peo[...] officially reported to have b[...] killed.

The number of injured is [...] known either but is believed [...] be well over a hundred as [...] crowds panicked when ta[...] surrounded the centre [...] Pristina and jets flew low o[...] the city.

High-ranking officials d[...] cribe the Kosovo riots as [...] attack on Yugoslavia's consti[...] tional order and a threat to [...] country's territorial integrity.

Yesterday, the two studen[...] shot dead in the riots we[...] buried quietly.

Tale of two lunches as socialists get together

Japanese role in the security of north-east Asia to be discussed by Lord Carrington

om Peter Hazelhurst
kyo, April 5

Lord Carrington, the Foreign cretary, who arrived here om Peking tonight on a three-y visit, is expected to ask pan to use its economic clout help the West to dissuade Soviet Union from invading land.

He will meet Mr Masayoshi a, the Japanese Foreign Mini-er, for a round of consultative lks tomorrow at a time when oscow is attempting to obtain ancial and technical assist-ce from Japan to develop beria's economic resources.

In the past Japanese leaders ve always attempted to place greater emphasis on econo-ic rather than political issues ring their contacts with their stern allies. But according fficials, Mr Ito will take up e question of Poland, ghanistan and other inter-tional political problems ring his talks with Lord rrington.

A spokesman for the Japan- Foreign Ministry said Mr is particularly interested in rning Britain's views on st-West relations.

"As the only country in Asia gned with the West, Japan n no longer ignore political oblems in Europe and cannot have independently", the icial said. "Before Japan ces any measures it should st consult the West and ordinate its stand. Being on either side of the Soviet Union, both Britain and Japan have a similar standpoint on world affairs and these talks should prove useful."

Mr Ito is also expected to brief Lord Carrington on the situation in Indo-China and South-East Asia.

Lord Carrrington, who will also meet Mr Zenko Suzuki, the Prime Minister and other senior members of the Cabinet during his three-day visit, is expected to warn Japanese leaders that Britain and other EEC nations are seriously concerned about the growing volume of Japanese exports.

According to diplomatic sources, the Foreign Secretary is likely to tell Mr Suzuki and Mr Ito that Britain is not so much concerned about the level of Japanese exports as the concentration of Japanese goods on sensitive sectors of the British market, such as cars and electronics.

The question of Japan's role in safeguarding the security of north-east Asia is to be raised when Lord Carrington meets Mr Joji Omura, the director-general of Japan's Self-Defence Agency later this week. But unlike the United States, Britain is not expected to ask Japan to increase its expenditures on defence.

Setback to Rolls-Royce: Lord Carrington left China amid reports that the Rolls-Royce Spey engine, which has been successfully built in Xian with British technical assistance, is not to be put into serial production, at least for the time being (David Bonavia reports from Xian, China).

Though visiting senior Rolls-Royce officials expressed satisfaction with the £90m purchase and licensing agreement for Spey engines, informed sources said the Chinese decision to halt production of the engine was a surprise and something of a disappointment.

Mr Duan Zijun, the Deputy Minister of Machine Building with responsibility for aviation equipment, said in a prepared statement that Chinese designers had learnt a lot from assembling the Spey engine, and would use the knowledge acquired to build an all-Chinese engine in the north-eastern city of Shenyang.

Shenyang is where the Chinese have been trying, apparently without much success, to build an advanced, high-performance tactical aircraft, possibly powered by the Spey 202 military engine, for defence against Soviet MIGs.

The decision not to go into full-scale production of the Spey engine is thought to be linked to the "economic readjustment" being carried out by the Chinese Government, in which heavy or capital intensive industrial production is being cut back for the next two or three years.

Anti-Obote guerrillas plant bombs in Kampala

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, April 5

Three shops in central Kampala have been badly damaged by explosives and a warehouse at the Uganda Coffee Marketing Board's central processing plant set on fire in the latest attacks by guerrillas opposed to President Milton Obote.

The Uganda Freedom Movement (UFM) has claimed responsibility for the attacks, which were condemned this weekend by Mr Paulo Muwanga, the Vice-President and Defence Minister, as "cowardly acts".

The targets were carefully selected. One shop is owned by Lieutenant-Colonel Basilio Okello, commander of the Kamapala garrison. Another supplied imported spirits to Army personnel. Seven soldiers in the shop at the time of the attack were abducted by the attackers, eye-witnesses said. Their fate is not known.

Coffee is Uganda's main source of foreign exchange, and the attack on the coffee processing plant was intended to hit the economy, a UFM spokesman said.

Petrol supplies in Kampala have dried up, apparently due to lack of cash to pay for new imports. Mr Muwanga, however, said yesterday that sales had been halted temporarily to enable a better distribution system to be worked out.

He denied suggestions that the lack of petrol was a punitive measure against the people of the Buganda region, where most of the guerrillas' attacks have taken place.

Mr Muwanga revealed that guerrilla bands, who he called "Amin's thugs" were operating in the Bugere region, 50 miles east of Kampala and close to the industrial town of Jinja, at the source of the Nile.

Dr Adoniya Tiberondwa, the Industry Minister, has warned managers of factories to step up their security precautions against sabotage. He said some "disgruntled elements" were resorting to economic sabotage and armed robbery.

More than 100 people have been arrested since guerrillas blew up an electric power line and the local broadcasting station near Kampala two weeks ago. Mr Muwanga said some "bandits" had been arrested, and would soon appear in court on charges arising from the recent attacks.

Prisoners of conscience

Vietnam: Nguyen Sy Te

Caroline Moorhead

Nguyen Sy Te, a university turer and founder of the rary review, *Sang Tao* (Crea-n), was arrested more than e years ago and is still being d in a reeducation camp at Trung.

He has not been charged or ught to trial and his health believed to be deteriorating. was a secondary school cher in Hanoi before moving th at the time of partition.

In 1965, he was appointed a fessor in the Faculty of her Education at Saigon iversity. When the Govern-nt changed in April, 1975, minent writers in South Viet-n underwent a process of valuation".

The Sang Tao group, in parti-lr, was singled out and icized, and Nguyen Sy Te one of several intellectuals were arrested. He was said have been writing an essay h was hostile to the Govern-t.

or the first two years, yen Sy Te was held in Chi , the main prison in Ho Chi h (formerly Saigon). In , was he sent to the re-ation camp, where he now ains.

long with thousands of his w inmates who constantly ct to be released under the s of the "Reeducation Re-ion", his future remains rtain. Aged 59, he is mar- with four children.

Leader of failed Thai coup disappears

From David Watts
Bangkok, April 5

Mystery surrounds the whereabouts of General Sant Chitpatima, leader of last week's abortive coup in Thailand.

Early reports indicated that he had gone to Burma after his helicopter left Bangkok, though it was flying in a southerly rather than a westerly direction.

One Bangkok newspaper reported today that he had not even left the capital and was negotiating for political asylum in the United States. He already has a house in the United States and one of his children is studying there.

The United States embassy has declined to comment

General Sant could have flown south, first to visit supporters in the Fourth Army Region, his old command, before flying on further south to a country of asylum, but there have been no confirmed reports of his having done so.

General Prem Tinsulanonda, the Prime Minister, told another Bangkok newspaper that the rebel soldiers who obeyed his order to give themselves up by the deadline on the second day of the coup would not be punished. For the rest the law would take its course.

A committee of investigation is to be set up into the background to the failed coup. The Cabinet is expected to meet as usual on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, General Amnart Damrikan, the Assistant Army Commander-in-Chief, has been the First Army Region, in which the coup attempt was centred.

Woman duels with Central African regime

Pressure on Red Cross president

From Ian Murray
Bangui, April 5

The world at large had never heard of Mrs Ruth Rolland until a month or so ago when the French press discovered that she was the president of the Central African Red Cross. This was the charity named by President Giscard D'Estaing as the intended recipient of some of the money he had received from the sale of diamonds given to him by ex-Emperor Bokassa.

Mrs Rolland affirmed that she never received a penny of the diamond money. The cheque for 2m Central African francs (£4,000) was in fact where it still is, in the custody of President Dacko, awaiting the election of a new council for the local Red Cross.

One election has already been held and Mrs Rolland confirmed in her job, but at the end of last month a decree dissolved the entire council and the small amount of money *represented by the cheque re*mains unavailable even though it is desperately needed.

The Red Cross headquarters in Bangui is in an old colonial building with a corrugated iron roof, just across the road from the big white wall surrounding the presidential palace. When Mrs Rolland was elected last November it was falling apart. The water, electricity and telephone bills had not been paid and all the services had been cut off.

With her own money and enthusiasm Mrs Rolland had the termites evicted, reconnected the services, cleaned the walls and had a Red Cross painted on the outside. Funds were all but non-existent but she allowed 30 of the stray boys who hang around the market place to use the headquarters outbuildings as a dormitory. Each morning she saw to it that they were fed.

She has been doing this type of thing for years. Her French husband is a former paratrooper turned armourer who finances her in her good works and backs her in the many duals she has always seemed to have with the Government.

For over a decade she ran the country's "agony column" of the air and "Aunty Ruth's" strong voice is almost as well known as her face is in the newspapers. Her radio programme, *now banned, dispensed* advice on everything from recipes to unfaithful husbands.

When his election campaign started President Dacko tried to recruit this popular figure to his cause. She refused point blank and began campaigning for M François Pehoua, the independent who she considered had the least connexion of any of the five candidates with the discredited Bokassa regime.

Perhaps it was only coincidence but at about this time the 30 boys in the outbuildings were forcibly evicted by the police and the processes began by which the Red Cross Council was dissolved, contrary to the normal practices which place such charities outside the jurisdiction of national governments.

She has now found another home for the boys who are aged between six and 16 and have all been abandoned to beg, scavenge or steal. When she first started looking after them they were spending what money they obtained on getting drunk or glue sniffing. They are now busy making mud bricks to build their own home on land that she has found for them.

They have just received the first sets of real clothes they have ever had from the French company which makes all the many uniforms for the Central African Government.

The other evening at sunset as she climbed from her car she was all but submerged by a shouting, happy band of the boys, all trying to hug her at once. She alone looked sad. "They will suffer because my face does not fit", she said. "There is so much suffering in my country and I can do so little."

jack plane's ot dies his wound

ngkok, April 5.—The pilot he Garuda DC9 airliner ked to Bangkok and later tured by troops died today from a gun shot d in the head, hospital es said.

e pilot, Mr Herman Rante, shot in the head by one of ijackers during the assault hai and Indonesian troops last Tuesday during the passengers and crew rescued.

icial reports say that none he other hostages was ed in the rescue, but one e Indonesian troops was ded and died at Bangkok's ipol hospital on Wednes- Officials in Indonesia said e hijackers were killed.

Carl Schneider, an ican passenger, was shot back last Sunday by the cers while trying to escape the aircraft. Hospital es said he was about to scharged.

st of junks in thquake panic ve Hongkong

Our Correspondent
ong, April 5

r five days of detention, maining 71 junks which d an estimated 4,000 ille-efugees from China to ong have returned home. teen junks with 1,000 on board had already fore the Hongkong autho-imposed a Friday dead-for their departure. It extended until Sunday e of bad weather.

refugee exodus was pre-ed by widespread rs of an impending disas-earthquake in Guangdong ce, near the Hongkong . The rumours were dis- by both the Guangdong logical Bureau and the ong Royal Observatory.

Corruption charges against ministers halted by Delhi

From Kuldip Nayar
Delhi, April 5

The central Government has dropped charges of corruption and misuse of power against two former chief ministers, Dr M. Karunanidhi of Tamil Nadu and Dr M. Chenna Reddy of Andhra Pradesh.

In both cases, the decision was apparently taken for political reasons at the highest level: recommendations from below were in favour of proceeding with allegations against the two former chief ministers and pursuing them to the hilt.

Regarding Dr Karunanidhi, the Central Bureau of Investigation believed that most of the allegations against him could be proved in court.

In the case of Dr Reddy, the Home Ministry, which processed the charges against him submitted to the Prime Minister, found enough material to investigate and proceed further, but for some reason this was not done.

In fact, Mr Zail Singh, the Home Minister, has already informed Mr Jotirmai Basu, a Lok Sabha member from West Bengal, that the Government has no intention of proceeding against Dr Reddy.

It appears that political considerations have weighed heavily with the Government in deciding to drop the cases against the two former chief ministers. In Tamil Nadu, Dr Karunanidhi's party, the DMK, is an ally of the Congress (I). The two parties contested the last elections jointly. In Andhra Pradesh, Dr Reddy still wields a great deal of influence. It is believed that Mrs Indira Gandhi the Prime Minister, does not want to see Dr Reddy's reputation damaged by a court case.

Prince Charles hooks a trout

Auckland, April 5.—The Prince of Wales went fishing on the Tongariro river near Taupo today and caught a 6 lb 12 oz rainbow trout.

He slipped away for his fishing after attending a welcoming ceremony at the Maori meeting area next to Lake Taupo. He received a carved jewelry box from the paramount chief of the Ngati-Tuwharetoa tribe, Sir Hepi Te Heu Heu.—AP.

Convict drowns prison governor

Huntsville, April 5.—A convict drowned the new governor of the toughest jail in Texas and shot dead a warder before he was captured.

Mr Wallace Pack, aged 54, had been in charge of the Huntsville maximum security prison for only 20 days. A prison official said the convict took a pistol from Mr Pack's car yesterday, killed the warder and then drowned the governor in a ditch.—Reuter.

Ethiopian appeal for aid to disaster victims

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, April 5

Ethiopia is appealing for international aid for 3,900,000 people affected by drought or famine, or displaced from their former homes by wars in Eritrea and the Ogaden desert bordering Somalia.

Mr Shimelis Adougna, the Ethiopian Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation, gave this figure when he addressed a donors' meeting in Addis Ababa yesterday. He asked for £150m in assistance to help those in urgent need.

His appeal was based on the results of a survey carried out in consultation with United Nations agencies. The report said food supplies in the main drought areas could provide only 400 grammes a day.

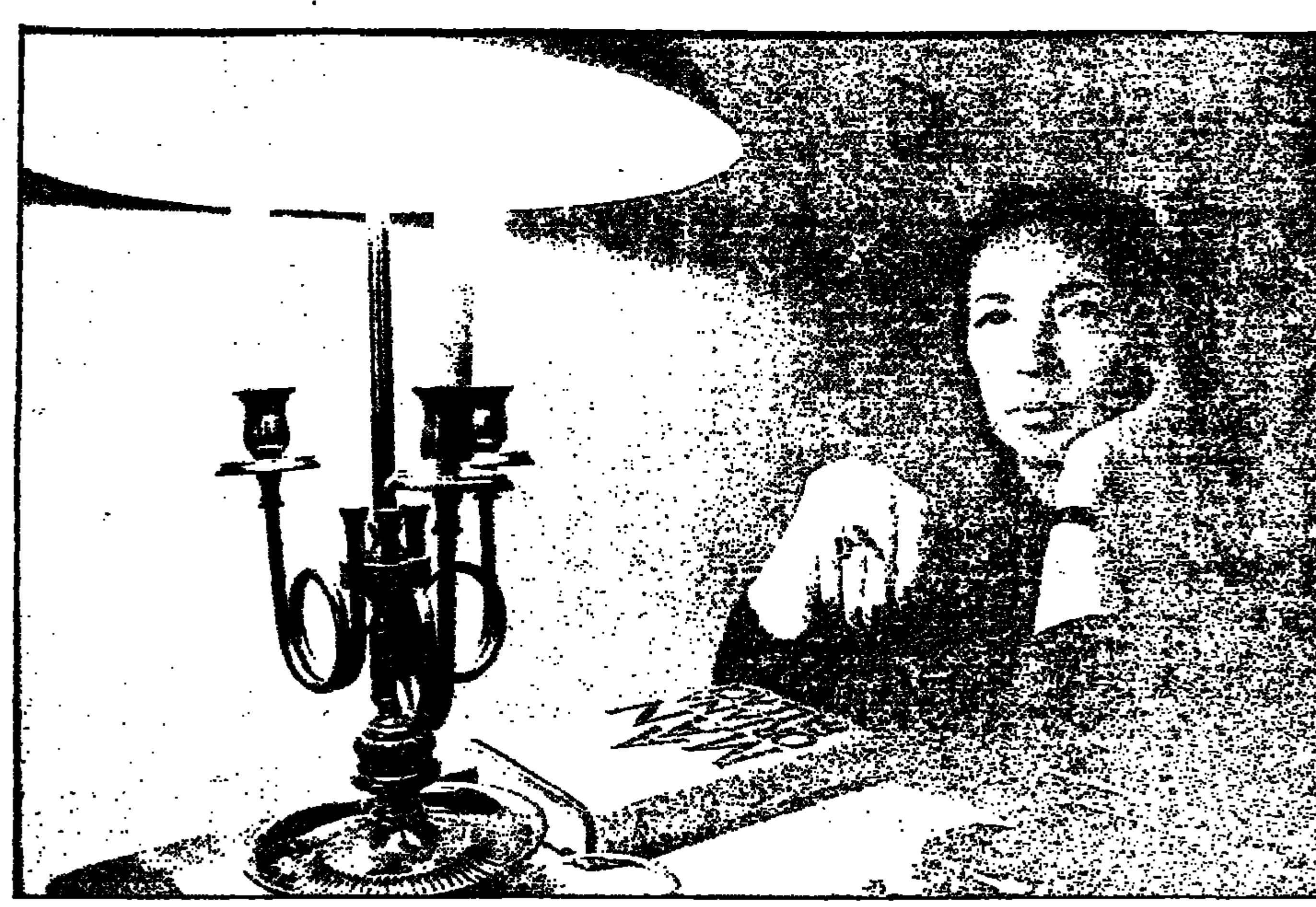
The United Nations report estimated the number of people in urgent need of assistance at a million and a half, but the Ethiopian Commissioner said that was an underestimate.

Mr Shimelis said the refugee problem in the Horn of Africa should be considered on a non-political basis. Some donors were more willing to give aid to one area than to another, he said, apparently referring to increased American aid to Somalia.

Because refugee camps in Somalia get bigger food rations than those in Ethiopia, many people have crossed the border to the neighbouring territory, he added.

A Times Interview

Memorable meeting with a lady who knows all the answers



Oriana Fallaci: weeks of research, hours of talk

It is not easy to interview an interviewer, particularly one renowned for the ferocity of her attacks and the precision of her revelations. If Oriana Fallaci herself makes the process possible it is because of her seeming passion to speak: views, events, tirades, anecdotes come rushing out without prompting and with astonishing freshness. The process, though, is not so much painless as one-sided: this famous asker of provocative questions prefers to carry out both sides of a personal interview herself.

This week, one of the rages for which the Italian journalist is celebrated was directed against *The Sunday Times* who recently published an interview of hers with Lech Walesa — cut by two thirds. It broke her contract, she says. Thus truncated, the piece also makes him out to be hysterical. "'Be sure', I told him, 'my interviews are very long. But everything will be in.' Now I pass as a liar. I who never betray anyone. I kill myself for these interviews. They are my joy, my pride, my commitment. To do this would be bad for anyone. But for Walesa? At this minute? If it was permitted I would challenge the editor of *The Sunday Times* to a duel."

In America and Canada the "Fallaci-style" interview, with its needling and goading, its brazen aggression and cajoling charm, is now something of a cult. Students of university literature courses recall with admiration the day Oriana Fallaci got Henry Kissinger to describe himself as a lone cowboy ("All [this cowboy] needs is to be alone, to show others that he rides into the town and does everything by himself"), made President Nguyen van Thieu of South Vietnam cry, and teased the Shah of Iran into dismissing women ("Women are important in a man's life only if they're beautiful and charming and keep their femininity"). They marvel at a technique of journalism which has made the interviewer as important as the political stars who, astoundingly, continue to line up for assault. The "mother of the political interview" is how Oriana Fallaci describes herself, saying that it depends in most cases more on who the interviewer is than who the interviewed. She adds that it is "never a game to be exercised with cruelty".

The strategy she has perfected is not one she really wants to discuss, though when she does she is as fascinating as any craftsman describing a trade which he loves. Her subjects are selected for their "human or historical" interest. Having secured an appointment, which may take years, she spends many weeks researching and reading with "the obsession of a student preparing for an exam".

The interview itself is startlingly long: seven hours with Golda Meir, six with Colonel Gaddafi. "My interviews are not a list of questions and answers. They are discussions, conversations, presented by a journalist and written by a writer. At times they are almost *pieces de theatre* with their moments of tension and suspense .... If you take the playwright approach you must develop the interview, write it, *as it takes place*. To do so afterwards is dishonest. You have to be quick, improvise."

While the interviews themselves are exhausting, it is afterwards the real work begins. "I transcribe the tapes word by word, using a dictionary to check the words used by any interpreter I have had. Then comes the moment of combining creativity with the most rigid exactness. If I were to interview say, Brezhnev, I couldn't change a comma. Think of the responsibility." What emerges at the end of this long procedure are "intellectual and political challenges", "irrepeatable events" ... "a human experiment on which is left the shreds of my soul". They also leave her thinner, so worn by her keyed up state, that she feels "stingy" about doing more than two or three a year.

Not surprisingly, Oriana Fallaci resists using interpreters. By speaking French, English and Spanish as well as her native Italian — she writes each first draft in Italian, the second in English — she rarely needs one, but where she has no choice she is irked by the lack of spontaneity, "the stranger body between two people making love".

Oriana Fallaci relies entirely on a tape recorder — "I invented it" — depending on its perfect reproduction not just for accuracy but for nuance and pitch.

The products of the Fallaci interviews have appeared mainly in *L'Europeo*, The Italian magazine for which she worked for 23 years. They started out, much to her distaste, with entertainers, royalty and novelists, the *antipatici*, the dislikeable people, of the book that bears that title, and graduated with time to politicians and those vested with power, a phenomenon that intrigues her greatly. In between came stints as a war reporter in Vietnam.

She reserves her deepest scorn for journalists who save the tricky question to the last, preparing to bolt, their notebooks safely full, should a storm break out. "My secret is: tell it first to clear the air. For instance, I went to Khomeini knowing he was a dictator. So I said: 'I want to tell you, sir: you are the new Shah of Iran....'" He heard her out.

She illustrates this from her recent *encounter with Walesa. The leader of the* Polish workers movement was, she says, nervous: he had been warned of her fame and her aggression. So he began the interview truculently, shouting. "I knew then that I had to ask him something to quieten him down, and at the same time be nice to one another. But I knew that I had my opening. The curtains were up, and the audience was asking: what's going to happen now?"

Oriana Fallaci is 50, a small, restless woman with heavy hair and a lined face. On May 1 1976, Alexander Panagoulis, the Greek resistance hero she had gone to Athens to interview and who became her lover, was killed in a suspicious car accident.

"Alekos" she had asked him during her first interview in 1973, "what does it mean to be a man?".

AP: "It means to have courage, to have dignity.... It means to struggle ... And to win. And for you, what is a man?"

OF: "I'd say that a man is what you are Alexis."

After the funeral, Oriana Fallaci returned, not to the Manhattan flat she loves but to Italy, to the Tuscan farmhouse that belongs to her family, withdrew from the world, and embarked on a book about him. *A Man* was published here last week. It has sold over a million copies in Italy.

A Man calls itself a novel, but is fiction only in its omissions, in the episodes left out because they were not "indispensable in the economy of the book." *A Man* took three years to write, during which, says Miss Fallaci "I was addicted to the book, intoxicated, a form of obsession, of madness. The words I use are not enough to convey the tragedy of those years." It ran to four drafts. "I had to reconstruct reality, remaining faithful to events. It was like my interviews." By using "you" as in a letter addressed to her dead lover, Oriana Fallaci found herself plagued by the "*ito*" and "*ato*" that are the most frequent Italian past participles. So she looked for words which carried other endings. She revised, rewrote, tore up. The result, as with her journalism, is as honest a transcription of perceived events as it is possible to find; it is a rich and full-blown memorial; not easy, but it makes one like her more.

When it was all over she was relieved, but also empty. "Alexis had been alive those three years. I talked to him. Suddenly he was dead. The ghost was gone. There was nothing I could do for him except go to different countries where he is born and reborn in the translations". Oriana Fallaci says the book is best in Italian. "I write very well in Italian." She is not modest, but then nor is she ever dull.

And now? "I'm living a little". It sounds reasonable, but, Fallaci style, it is not enough. Living a little includes being a *director of the Rizzoli cooperative in New* York, lecturing in universities, writing a book and working on a possible film script for *A Man*.

Nineteen separate offers have come from Los Angeles productions. She remains wary. Only if she has "total control", of this as of all else, will any deal be made.

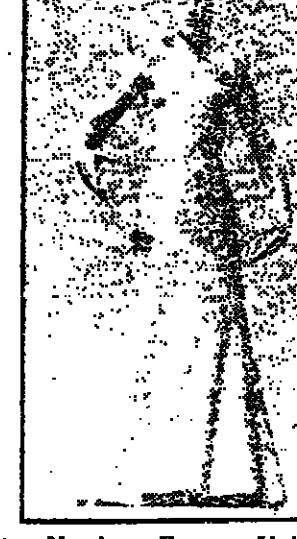
Caroline Moorehead

Fourteen fine figures by the river

Fourteen gorgeous ladies will shortly be gracing London's riverside. To judge from their costume, they come from all parts of the world, but they are not, as you may think, finalists in an off-season Miss World contest, since they are all 12ft tall. With resin bodies painted the colour of Portland stone, they will be erected above the cornice of Unilever House, whose curving facade faces the north end of Blackfriars Bridge.

They are the work of sculptor Nicholas Munro, whose previous subjects include Coco the Clown, Max Wall and King Kong. He was, he admits, a little surprised to have been given the commission, and he too modestly feels that the present dearth of figurative sculptors "who know anatomy" explains it. Humour has no place among the Unilever beauties, which were originally conceived as goddesses. In the course of time they slid a few pages down the iconographic hierarchy to become what London, agog, will soon see them to be — ethnic dancers. Even so they "cavort" less than Mr Munro initially intended as the architectural setting demands statuesque poses.

The 14 figures are composed of seven sets of identical twins,


International tributes: Northern Europe, United States, the Far East

which will be arranged symmetrically. Through their national or rather international costumes they pay tribute to the numerous countries with which Unilever has connections throughout the world. Miss India sways seductively in a fishscale skirt; Miss South America rumbas in tiers of frills. A slinky little number was felt to be appropriate for Miss United States, although why not a drum majorette's uniform? Miss (or should it be Mr) Far East wears the elaborate kimonos of Kabuki drama (traditionally acted by men).

Clad in harem pants and not much else, Miss Middle East is less equivocal. On the other hand, Miss Africa is well wrapped up in long, traditional robes — Mr Munro's bare-breasted version having been revised in case it offended Unilever's visiting African guests. The demurest is Miss UK (strictly speaking, Miss Northern Europe) who was originally to have been a May Queen but grew, instead, into the most classical of the troupe, with her hands clasped behind her back in approved Royal Family manner.

The ladies have a serious architectural purpose. Unilever House, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, has grown too small for company needs. Rather than redevelop the site, Unilever took the enlightened decision of finding extra space within the existing structure. Among other things, this entailed redesigning the top two floors and putting windows into the hitherto blind attic. The idea of a multinational parade of belles was thought up to take the spectator's mind pleasantly off the slight architectural loss.

Clive Aslet

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Television

Boat Race/Grand National/Eurovision Song Contest
BBC 1

Michael Church

Change and decay in all around we see: for reassurance, tune to the BBC.

Boat Race No 127 was very like Boat Race No 126 and several others before that: Oxford won. "Very much the underdogs, Cambridge", said the commentator, as the light blue public schoolboys glanced nervously at the dark blue grammar lads with their pretty lady cox, and that was indeed the last they saw of them. "Cambridge must go away and try to do something about rowing at their university" was the final acid comment as the BBC helicopter spun disdainfully away. No prizes for guessing what.

A little later, helicopters took us dizzyingly over the jumps of Grand National No 135. We were shown historic pile-ups at Becher's Brook in horrible slow motion, and we met one or two daredevils whose broken bones would prevent their riding this year. "Keep everything crossed, boys", quipped the lone female jockey to her watching sons at home.

Until he lost us our money halfway round, we were keeping everything crossed for a plucky outsider called Lord Gulliver, but the outcome was, as everyone agreed, pure fairy tale. "Everybody takes all the credit", said the winner's trainer, his voice breaking with emotion. "The governor did all the work", said the jockey gallantly, temporarily forgetting his own triumph over cancer and a crippled horse. All around him eyes glittered with avarice.

"I honestly sort of don't know", said the owner, when asked who the breeder was, but he did know that it was all pure fairy tale. Even on a small screen the thickly peopled green acres looked magical.

Later again, helicopters attempted to set an authentic Irish mood for Eurovision Song Contest No 26 by slowly circling round ancient forts and priceless chalices, but a more authentically Irish mood was established by the mechanized scoreboard which unlike the quasi-humans present, clearly had a mind of its own. At a moment when France was leading with 24 points, Ireland was suddenly found to have 326. Whenever backs were turned, Turkey's paltry score was removed completely, to the justifiable fury, no doubt, of the watching millions in Istanbul.

Each group preceded its entry with a film clip. Terry Wogan had a good old sneer at the fact that they had all elected to be filmed eating and drinking, but he took their art as seriously as any of the other quasi-humans, and got very worked up when foreign judges disagreed with him. Four plastic flowers called Buck's Fizz won with a clever gimmick: the male flowers ripped the female flowers' skirts off. Taken further, this could have been mildly interesting.

By comparison, Gary Glitter (*Arena*, BBC 2) seemed almost unbearably real. But then, unlike the Eurovisions, he is not a puppet. Most of the Eurovisions came prepackaged in natty cream suits: Glitter's Japanese fruitiness kept bursting out all over. "Ever done any camping out?" asked Roy Plomley. Gary fell about.

Northern Sinfonia/Chung
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Noël Goodwin

When the Northern Sinfonia Orchestra comes to London, as it does four times a season, its programmes have the advantage of being mostly "played in" at other locations first and there is often particular pleasure to be had as a result. That occurred in much of Friday night's concert, even though illness had taken its toll of two successive soloists for Britten's Nocturne, and brought Robin Leggate as a late replacement to sing these haunting songs of night and sleep.

His bright, forward tone, which has memorably defined a number of lyric tenor roles at Covent Garden, found some early difficulty in achieving the softly dreaming opening of Shelley's "On a Poet's Lips" but elsewhere brought the midnight memories vividly to mind in the settings of Keats, Tennyson and others. The singer's feeling for the sense of the verse was intelligently matched by the sympathetic partnership of the orchestra under Myung-Whun Chung.

The conductor was evidently anxious that we should appreciate the players as individuals. Not only were the seven obbligato soloists featured in Britten (with notable success by Stephen Reay's bassoon and David Haslam's flute) but the orchestra's flexibility of ensemble enabled them to entertain us with the wit and character of Stravinsky's instrumentation of children's piano pieces, in their more diverting form as Eight Instrumental Miniatures for 15 players.

The symphonies that began and ended the programme were no less felicitously chosen. Mozart's No 28 in C (K200) was neat, well moulded and not overexpressive, but another C major symphony even more rarely heard was specially enjoyable. This was Weber's No 1, which detaches itself with difficulty from operatic associations but by the last movement has found its most captivating character, as communicated by the restrained fervour and polished ensemble of the performance.

A fresh mind on Molière's 'odd man out'

Five years ago Peter Hall, as he was in those untitled days, drew up plans for a season devoted to the Don Juan legend at the National Theatre. The cornerstone was to be his own Glyndebourne production of Mozart's *Don Giovanni* transferred to the Lyttleton while the other stages would house the full-length version of Shaw's *Man and Superman*, including the central *Don Juan in Hell* act, Ödön von Horvath's *Don Juan Goes to War* and Molière's *Dom Juan*.

Industrial action and lack of money scuppered the scheme, but bit by bit over the years the various elements have been presented, led by *Don Giovanni* which marked Glyndebourne's first appearance in a London theatre. The last piece of the package, *Dom Juan*, goes on show at the Cottesloe tomorrow in a new translation from the French by the novelist John Fowles. At the start of his career Fowles very nearly became a French teacher.

"When I came down from Oxford I went to the University of Poitiers as a lecturer. The subject assigned to me was English Literature, which was unfortunate because I knew far less about that than I did of the French variety. Probably I fitted in well with the conventional image of a junior academic, mugging up desperately on Eliot and Pound in the evening and delivering a lecture the next day.

"It was while I was at Poitiers that there came on the very same day two offers of teaching posts. One was in the French department at Winchester and the other was from a ratty school in Greece. Of course, I went against all the dictates of commonsense and took the Greek job."

Perhaps commonsense did in fact prevail, because from the Greek experience there later emerged *The Magus* and shortly afterwards John Fowles gave up schoolmastering. Was *Don Juan*, to give Molière's play its English title, Fowles's first professional attempt at translation?

"Not quite. Almost thirty years ago I did a novel by a curious lady who was a friend of Chateaubriand and was admired as a writer by Stendhal and Sainte-Beuve. It interested me because it is, as far as I know, the first study of a black man written by a white woman. But you won't find it easy to track down: it was commissioned by a Texan antiquarian bookseller and was printed in a small and very expensive edition.

"When Peter Hall first approached me about Molière it was decided that I should make English versions of two French plays, *Don Juan* and Alfred de Musset's *Lorenzaccio*. The latter, as it stands at the moment, would run for five hours and needs a cast of thousands. Peter goes slightly pale every time I mention it. I enjoy translation simply because it is much like a crossword puzzle—I am a great aficionado. You have before you a number of pleasing problems to solve and your tool is language. You don't have the novelist's guilt of creating something out of blankness."

Don Juan is the odd man out among Molière's plays. It throws the classical unities to the four winds; it has a final act with the immoralist, Don Juan, denouncing the morals of the time; and Molière has no compunction in mixing high wit with high farce.

"Yes, it is the play which does not fit into the Molière canon and probably that is why it has never been popular. The French are very compartment-minded: they don't like pieces which do not find a place in their overall scheme of things. And of course in Britain Molière has become very much the study dramatist. There are rare exceptions like the John Dexter production of *Le Misanthrope*, for the National, but on the whole we don't quite know what to do with him so we leave him alone. I'm very glad that Peter Gill, who is directing *Don Juan*—he picked the play out of the pack on offer to him—is no expert on seventeenth-century French drama. He will bring a fresh eye to it."

And has John Fowles done likewise?

"Well, I hope so. I began by making a rough literal translation with the help of one of my old Oxford professors. Then the next stage was to determine what *Don Juan* is about. I decided that it concerned hypocrisy, witness that speech you mentioned. The final act is an enigma, perhaps one of the greatest in the whole of Molière. It is possible that Molière punishes Don Juan and sends him down to hell because he finally turns hypocrite like all those whom he has denounced.

"But *Don Juan* is also about the use and abuse of language. I see Juan as semiologist, a kind of early Roland Barthès. He has an ear for the way people speak and he can imitate them. Donna Elvira, for instance, does not realize quite how much she gives herself away by her words. Juan's own speech is generally plain and straightforward, but when he addresses Elvira he adopts her *style noble* and in so doing mocks her.

"This is the part of the play with the greatest interest as far as I'm concerned. The Don Juan theme has never held any particular attraction for me and I've certainly not used it in any of my novels. *Don Giovanni*, it goes without saying, is a masterpiece, but one that I have never found particularly affecting. And for that matter I'm not all that keen on *Man and Superman*. But I share one hundred per cent Molière's dislike of political double-talk, which comes out so clearly in *Don Juan*, and I'm all for the further examination of language and its use, something else he probes in this play."

Now that John Fowles has Molière, or rather *one* Molière, under his belt, will he go on and tackle other French playwrights? Racine perhaps?

"I've been considering Marivaux, but I'm still uncertain. In any case I am probably not the best judge: I collect plays but I hardly ever go to the theatre. But Racine never, he's untranslatable. I'd rather walk to hell and back."

John Higgins





A distaste for hypocrisy: John Fowles (above), and Nigel Terry (left) and Ron Pember, as Don Juan and Sganarelle, in the National Theatre production

Book review

Why Christianity Works
By Mary Kenny

(*Michael Joseph*, £6.95)

Once upon a time there was a little girl called Mary who lived in Ireland. Life in Ireland was very dull; families were big and children did not always get as much attention as they wanted. Mary read about the big city over the water. Now *that* sounded exciting. As soon as she was old enough, Mary left home and family, and set out for London. She was not disappointed: life was exciting. Mary had arrived at a wonderful time for young women—unlike their mothers, girls had lots of freedom and if they wanted they could live just like boys, drinking, smoking, even having affairs without becoming pregnant. Mary liked this, but she wanted more. She became a journalist and campaigned for changes in the abortion law, easier access to contraceptives, and lots of other reforms. She even went back to Ireland to support those women in the south who were demanding contraceptives, which were illegal there.

All this went on for a long time, and Mary was very happy. She enjoyed life and was much admired as a good feminist. Then she got married and had a baby. Mary looked at her baby son and realized that she had been wrong and that her mother and her church had been right all the time—and so she is now, in a sense, a double convert. She has written a book explaining her new views.

Miss Kenny (oddly, in view of her philosophy, she has not adopted her husband's name) is quite a different person from the young woman who came from Ireland. The pill, which she once advocated, is now anathema. Women must have all the babies God sends (she has two). Abortion under any circumstances is wrong. On most social issues from being on the Left, Miss Kenny has moved to the Far Right, a position not all Christians would endorse.

Miss Kenny never seems to have thought very clearly as she pursued her feminist campaigns, and unfortunatey she thinks no more clearly now. Even the title of her book is inaccurate: it is not about why Christianity works. She admits this, and says it is about why Catholicism works for her—perhaps Catholicism rather than Christianity would be less appealing in the title. Catholicism is by no means the whole of Christianity, a fact she does not always realize.

Nor does she get Catholicism right; it promises greater hope and understanding of diversity of character than she allows. Above all, she has forgotten an all-important text: "faith, hope and charity: These three: but the greatest of these is charity". She tells her readers firmly that it is not enough to accept the allegorical and aesthetic truths of Christianity, but that all the literal ones must be accepted as well. Mary Kenny lacks charity, and has sold herself and her former friends and supporters short in a garbled and inaccurate account of how she thinks Christianity works. We must hope for a better exposition of the problems and possibilities facing the Christian woman in the 1980s.

Margaret Allen

Anthony Dowell and Antoinette Sibley in *Hamlet*

Royal Ballet
Covent Garden

John Percival

It is extraordinary how like Robert Helpmann, at the time he was dancing Hamlet himself, Anthony Dowell looks in the revival of the ballet at Covent Garden. Intense eyes, sunk in darkened sockets, glare out of the pale face beneath a tall brow as he begins to explore the dreams that come "in that sleep of death". The role calls for exactly the kind of acting which the Prince of Denmark warned the first player about, but never mind, Dowell tears a passion to tatters with thrilling effect.

His Ophelia is Antoinette Sibley, back on the Covent Garden stage after—can it really be five or six years? She acts with fuller blooded abandon than before, making more understandable Hamlet's confusion between her and Monica Mason's suave Gertrude. The acting in some other roles, Graham Fletcher's gravedigger honourably excepted, is less rich than I seem to remember in early days, and so are several of the costumes.

The cast list helpfully offers notes on the relationship of the characters, but unless you know the play well you are never going to follow Helpmann's ingenious plotting, which crams an astonishing amount of detail into 20 minutes at the expense, it must be admitted, of any sustained dance interest. However, the main characters, plus Leslie Hurry's marvellous phantasmagoric setting and Tchaikovsky's fantasy overture (rather lushly played) make the ballet worth seeing, or even seeing again.

The performance of *Les Sylphides* which preceded *Hamlet* on Thursday was distinguished only by the dancing of Lesley Collier in the waltz and of the chorus. It was meant to have had new designs by John Hubbard, but they have been postponed for lack of time "to realize the full potential of the setting", whatever that may mean. Rehearsal time seems to be in short supply with the Royal Ballet this season, which has already caused the promised new ballet by Hans van Manen to be put off until next year.

And, since sorrows "come not single spies, but whole battalions", we were also done out of the announced revival of Ashton's *Sylvia pas de deux* on Thursday. The choreographer decided, during rehearsals, that he would rather show the pretty but frippery *Voices of Spring* number which he made for Covent Garden's *Fledermaus*. With all respect, that seems an extraordinary preference, unless it means we are shortly to get a complete *Sylvia*, in which case I shall be the first to cheer.

Merle Park and Wayne Eagling danced it exuberantly, but their new costumes, understandably anonymous, are hideous.

In *Manon* the previous night, Eagling's impassioned Des Grieux swamped the pallid debuts of Marguerite Porter in the title part and Derek Deane as Lescaut. Leighton Lucas's adequate, if not particularly distinguished, arrangement of bits and pieces by Massenet has been reorchestrated by John Lanchbery. It is as if a heavy coat of treacle had been painted on, leaving the music far too sweet and somewhat tacky.

Glasshouses
Theatre Upstairs

Irving Wardle

In *Touched*, Stephen Lowe produced a faithful picture of life in wartime Britain before he was born. In *Glasshouses* he moves on to the period of his own adolescent memory in the early 1960s, and produces a picture that might well have been compiled from second-hand sources.

Once again, the setting is Nottingham, and the form a neighbourhood chronicle spread over a prolonged time-span. The starting point is the removal of two families into some less cramping accommodation (their new environment is never clearly defined), so as to sort out those who can adapt to change from those who cannot. The casualties are the two fathers, old Army buddies who are lost in postwar Britain. Arthur hasc shut his mind to it by going stone deaf, and is treated as an object of embarrased shame by his family. Frank, who seems to have lost his job (again no details) retains a shell of confidence which is brutally demolished by his wife Elsie after the move.

The children look on in dismay at the ugly mess their parents have made of their lives: observing the fixed ideas, sexual restrictions and power struggles of the older generation, fearful that they may do no better. In the meanwhile they protect themselves from the surrounding poison by quietly cutting themselves off. The exception is Arthur's son Jim who sees himself as a reincarnation of D. H. Lawrence, and sets out to make a *Sons and Lovers*-style home movie showing himself and his girl-friend breaking through the inherited bonds of Sneinton morality.

So far so good. What is missing is the dispassionate observation of a particular society that lent such authority to *Touched*. Instead, the elders are seen as frightening or ludicrous monsters, as they would appear to children. June Watson's Elsie never addresses a word to Frank (Bernard Kay) except to humiliate him; and finally she condemns him to life in a greenhouse where he curls up and dies. Richard Butler's Arthur remains a bundle of refuse stuck in the corner, periodically cutting into the conversation with inconsequential bigotries in a strident deaf-man's voice.

As for young Jim (Nick Dunning), if ever there was a piece of self-hating character assassination it is in this portrait of an intellectually patronizing, harshly egocentric, socially timid would-be-artist, who spreads as much gilt around as his elders, and who seems all set for a lifetime of revenging himself on his upbringing under the masquerade of literature.

There are some extremely funny passages in Annie Castledine's production, such as a filmed love scene (featuring the mischievous Sylvestra le Touzel), which the parents mistake for a gang-bang: but it draws its poised style, quite correctly, from the fact that Mr Lowe has chosen to work in images (the title, for instance, refers not only to the proverb, but to Arthur's career as a military policeman, and to poor Frank's greenhouse) which are a poor alternative to social recall and coherent plot.

John Surman
100 Club

Richard Williams

The British jazz scene has never quite recaptured the zest, the sense of adventure and the unity it enjoyed at the end of the Sixties, when the saxophonist John Surman was unquestionably its preeminent instrumentalist. His sudden decision to abdicate that role, prompted by an interest in new forms and working methods, removed the focal point and presaged a series of divisions and diversions.

Sightings of Surman on London stages have been rare for a decade, and memories are short. His most recent album, *Upon Reflection*, made a virtually unremarked appearance last year, even though its layers of saxophones and synthesizers, built up by means of overdubbing, suggested that he had at last thrown off the mantle of his influences and had discovered a music of remarkable purity and lyricism which was his alone.

Friday night's recital found him in a more familiar framework, in the company of the pianist John Taylor, the bassist Chris Laurence and the drummer John Marshall, all colleagues from the earlier days. Much of the music, collective improvisations built on skeletal compositions, was like old times, only Surman's use of electronic devices reminding us of his recent preoccupations.

The most absorbing sequence, lasting about 20 minutes, began with a slow, morbid unison for bass clarinet and arco bass before Surman raised the pressure and opened the way for Laurence's passionate solo. A heated conversation among the rhythm section was rejoined by the bass clarinet, this time employing subtle echo and double-tracking effects, before Surman switched to baritone saxophone for a duel with Marshall in which the saxophone produced all manner of freakish, emotionally charged whistles and cries. Finally the piece transformed itself into a fast, rampaging blues before dying in a rattle of bass strings.

After such intensity, everything else—even a loving treatment of Monk's "Round Midnight", with Taylor outstandingly eloquent — sounded relaxed. Surman seemed to enjoy himself; perhaps he will be stimulated into further such appearances.

Balconville
Old Vic

Irving Wardle

As the tourist sees it, Montreal separatism is amusingly inscribed in the bilingual road signs and the affluent English and French communities each winding up their own side of the mountain. This is not the case in the working-class Point St Charles area—the setting of David Fennario's play—where poverty drives the old enemies into sharing the same narrow territory and hanging the maple leaf and the fleur-de-lys on adjoining windows.

Guy Sprung's Centaur Theatre production arrives at the Vic, via Bath and Belfast, with the rare distinction of having overcome Quebecois bigotries in its casting and Canadian audiences. (One of the company, I note, is Marc Gelinas, son of the intransigent founder of the Comédie Canadienne.) For all its Franco-English hostilities, separatism is not the play's theme. So far as fire hazards, extortionate landlords, and the 40 per cent unemployment rate are concerned, all the tenement dwellers are in the same boat. There will be time enough to restorm the Plains of Quebec when they have all moved into Westmount mansions.

The main action centres on three families, two English and one French, whose apartments overlook the corner of a grimy yard. Inter-connecting balconies are occupied by the Paquette family with its proudly employed male bread-winner, and the joblessly demoralized Johnny who goes drinking every night on his wife's earnings as a waitress. Down below lives Muriel, a permanently enraged grass widow whose main target is her unemployed teenage son. To the nationalist tensions added those of physical gestion; and the gen atmosphere is one of an un truce, repeatedly explo into open aggression, or s retreat behind closed front

There are many touches must surely have hit Montreal public with a sens recognition, such as affronted Paquette père's fusals to pollute his lips the English language, and sight of the two men each ting back to back watching same ball game on two sep television sets. The per crises all derive truthfully the environment: a drunk s that wrecks a party, the des tion of poor Mme Paqu cherished pot plants, and al shouting and door-slamr spring from the no-hope fr tions of society, with judgments against indiv characters.

Women convincingly en as stronger than the politically as well as dom ally. Johnny merely throw egg at a visiting election c date; but in the fire that the play with the collaps the next building, it is women who have the last "We're next!"

I cannot pretend that *Ba ville* is much fun at the If you compare it, say O'Casey, you see what is ing. There is no theatrical jection of national chara and however authentic the formances of Susan W Jean Archambault, and Gelinas they appear through the wrong end of a scope: a slice of life goi in the far distance. Ho clear the statement of the play, its moment-to-mo plotting is cumbersome, events stitched together sodically so as to give group a fair deal. And the duction is cruelly und What it shows is another w well worth seeing but ha the eyes.

The Business of Murder
Duchess

Anthony Masters

Welcome to a thriller that is well crafted and well acted without having a plot resembling a corkscrew or, like recent deathtraps and oily Levantines, lecturing the house on its own smartness.

Richard Harris's first stage play since *Outside Edge* is definitely a thriller, not a whodunnit, although grisly props leave little doubt that something, or rather somebody, has been done. He even calmly turns initial exposition into a cliffhanger by making a mystery simply of what is going on.

A wingeing, cringeing little man in brown (the suave Francis Matthews is barely recognizable) and a craggy detective superintendent (George Sewell) meet in a suburban flat of discreetly yukky good taste up whose walls any decent duck family would be proud to fly. What are they doing there? Only viewers of the original television version will know; and if you know, you have extra pleasures.

Mr Harris gives plenty of clues, almost too many; and the emergence of the answer slowly and haphazardly, as if we were overhearing real versation, screws up the sion into proper fear. happens, the full answ sensational enough to pr his first-act curtain. From on, the denouement is r less.

Mr Sewell's prizefighter-detective (whimsically n after the theatre's man director) is dry and toug the remainder biscuit, r mending his job for "plen fresh air, a nice pension ample opportunity to get leg over". Lynette D cleverly charts the gr panic of a victim unusually and sophisticated for a End thriller, and Nola Bao Salvin Stewart do all one with rather underwritten But, as the plot turns out, Mr Matthews's play, and carries it with a detailed, ciplined piece of char acting that is a delight to w

Experts will note that Harris puts the play's big ing at a point in the s *where no author has p before*; and that, rarer his enjoyment of murder brain-teaser does not blind to its human tragedy. The twist, though too cl reminiscent of two other I could name, is satisfyi logical, shocking and i His calculated ambiguities lead perfectly: a useful as it happens, for a critic cerned not to give a good away.

Beguiling to the ear

London Chorale
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

Choral music has persisted in Iain Hamilton's output ever since the Border Songs of 1953 and lately he has been more than ever productive in this direction. His recent Vespers and Requiem have been followed by a Mass in nine movements, and this had its world premiere on Saturday evening from the London Chorale conducted by David Coleman.

Making use of a large body of unaccompanied voices, the music is spacious, often restrained, but never austere in a merely negative sense, the ear being constantly beguiled. Most of the writing is in six parts and Dr Hamilton makes little use of overt contrast dramatic or otherwise, establishing his points by means of continuity, the accumulation of effect and above all through lively counterpoints.

The initial "Kyrie Eleison" is typical, with vocal phrases which follow convention in the sense that they are long and smoothly flowing all parts being on the move nearly all the time, the outer voices frequently reaching for heights and the depths. result is animated and as gent, the latter quality ar from the way the lines for Dr Hamilton's thinkin essentially horizontal.

More virtuosic is "Gloria", especially in splendid outburst of sound with which is be Still the music moves in a s less flow but not in the s of empty decorative arabesq for the invention is cons especially in terms of trapunctual musical i have more distinct id ties and one begins notice how apt is much the wordsetting. Here the d mic range is wider also and overall sound of the choir, q and in six parts, is beautif

Indeed, this is the adventurous and the most quent movement, although "Angus Dei" and "Dona N Pacem" are no less me able. Considering the num of voices involved Mr Cole obtained an excellently g ated performance of a wor only the last of whose m ments, the "Amen di Mess was one conscious of tex elaboration for its own s And this made an appropria

St Martin in the Fields Sextet
Wigmore Hall

Joan Chissell

In the Wigmore Hall's current survey of Dvorak's chamber music the spotlight on Saturday night was turned on his A major sextet, op 48, music written in his later thirties at the peak of his powers, music brimful of the same fresh country air that won his recently produced Moravian and Slavonic Dances immediate acclaim throughout Europe. Yet on this occasion it was the D minor sextet with which Dvorak's work was paired that stole the show, Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir de Florence*.

Why? The answer was of course the playing. The Academy of St Martin in the Fields Sextet gave the Czech piece what seemed a capable run-through without in any way making it their own. Part of the trouble lay in balance. Dvorak does not just write tunes and accompaniments, but weaves the six instruments i a contrapuntal texture that easily sound thick unless carefully weighed and blend This team had not given eno thought to ventilation, and to pin our ears on to this that particular strand. Nor they make enough of dyna contrasts. Once or twice, leader's intonation, like his l ing, seemed a little indecis Even the "Dumka" "Furiant" lacked temperam

The gramophone catalo betrays that the St Martin the Fields Academy as a wh have already recorded Tc kovsky's charmer in orches dress. So there is no need to quire further as to why this p formance revealed the team a completely different lig exuberant in brio, loving cantabile, acutely responsive the sheer magic of sound c jured up by the old orches wizard in what was his chamber work, in fact stylishly unified and yielding ensemble as if playing unde baton. In their relish of it even their sonority acquired bloom of a small str orchestra.

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from Friday later editions.

Racing

Champion's tale an inspiration to all

By Michael Seely

Like Bob Champion, the Grand National refuses to die. This four and half mile test of endurance over 30 enormous fences presents a challenge that beckons irresistibly to all those who are brave at heart, both human and equine. As Nick Embiricos, Aldaniti's owner, said after the race: "They are two of a kind, Bob and the horse." And so indeed they are.

The memory of the pair jumping the Chair will remain indelibly printed on the minds of those who were privileged to watch it. That single magnificent leap captured in one brief moment the triumph of mind and spirit over matter, of Champion's victorious fight against cancer and of Josh Gifford's skill and care in nursing the one time cripple Aldaniti back to equally exuberant health and vigour.

Above all the story of the 1981 National is a tale of Champion. To suffer from cancer, the most dreaded of all human ailments is in most cases to enter that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns. Champion's will may well have been stretched but it was certainly not broken. Instead of bearing his illness with Hamlet's indecision, Champion gathered all his reserves of courage during his six months in the Royal Marsden Hospital in Sutton.

The jockey has beaten life twice in a struggle through a long long dark tunnel. He had first defeated cancer and then fought his way back to fitness and victory in the National. This victory has brought hope and inspiration to thousands.

Gifford, whose father and uncle died of the disease, said yesterday: "You wouldn't believe the hundreds of letters that Bob and I have had recently from both sufferers from cancer and their relations". The trainer himself was crying unashamedly afterwards. Champion said: "Josh was worse than any of them. I didn't have time to weep. I had to go and ride in another race."

The human spirit is indestructible. And Gifford, too, deserves every credit for showing his faith in Champion by persuading some of his doubting owners that the jockey was still the man for them.

Champion had one of the worst types of malignant growth, which necessitated the removal of a testicle and a rib. He was treated with a new form of chemotherapy drug. This treatment caused him to lose all his hair and two stone in weight. One of his doctors said yesterday: "Quite honestly there has been no one before one could point the finger at and say that they had been cured". Now the finger can point proudly at Champion.

To the victor went the spoils and the glory, but Saturday's result was also a personal triumph for John Thorne. To have endured agonising weeks of wasting and to have gone so close to winning must be a galling experience. But the sight of the 54-year-old patting Champion on the back within seconds of passing the winning post told us all we needed to know about the quality of the man and his feelings. They had dinner together on Saturday night and Champion said: "John was just as chuffed as I was."

The immediate post-race reaction was that Thorne had waited too long before launching that incredible attack in the straight. But watching the rerun on television this seemed unfair comment. Spartan Missile's mistake on the run to Becher's Brook on the final circuit had indeed knocked some of the stuffing out of him.

Spartan Missile had been attempting a well-nigh impossible task in trying to give 6lb and a start to Aldaniti in the long haul home from Valentine's Brook. On the evidence of the form book spread over three seasons there is little between the two horses.

It had been a copybook Grand National. For once the three class horses had got round and had dominated the finish.

Turn back the pages of the book of Aintree memories. The same theme runs through every line. Red Rum's struggle against all known odds is but one of many legends of triumph over adversity. But the story of Bob Champion will always be unique. The National is about survival as are most people's lives. Like Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress it is an allegorical tale. But on that sunlit afternoon of Saturday, April 4, allegory was translated into glorious fact. Champion is the ultimate survivor and a lesson to us all.



Mutual admiration society: Jockey, trainer and owner with four-legged friend.

3.20 (3.23) GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £51,324: 4½m)

ALDANITI, ch g by Derek H—Renardeau (S. Embiricos) 11-10-13 .. B. Champion (10-1) 1

Spartan Missile, ch g by Spartan General—Polaris Missile (M. Thorne) 9-11-5 ... Mr M. Thorne (8-1 fav) 2

Royal Mail, ch g by Ballyroyal—Lency (J. Begg) 11-11-7 ... P. Blacker (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-1 Rubstic (7th), 14-1 Zongalero (f 22nd), 16-1 Royal Exile (6th), Kylogue Lady (f 17th), Royal Stuart (u 20th), 20-1 Cheers (12th), Senator Maclacury (5th), The Vintner (ref 10th), 25-1 Coolishall (8th), 33-1 Three To One (4th), Barney Maclyvie (f 1st), Carrow Boy (f 10th), Kilkilwell (f 4th), Martinstown (f 27th), Sebastian V (11th), 40-1 Another Prospect (f 8th), Another Captain (f 1st), So (10th), 50-1 Chumson (f 4th), Delmoss (f 4th), Drumroan (f 9th), Lord Gulliver (f 15th), Pacify (f 22nd), Rathlek (4th), Might Be (f 20th), 66-1 Choral Festival (f 27th), 100-1 Casamayor (ref 28th), Bryan Boru (ref 11th), Tenecoon (f 11th), My Friendly Cousin (p 27th), Son And Heir (ref 19th), Dromore (ref 15th), No Gypsy (f 9th), Three Of Diamonds (f 23rd), Kinnevie (f 10th), Deiopea (ref 19th). 39 ran. NR: Artistic Prince.

TOTE: win, 76p; places, 20p, 24p, 30p, 75p. Dual F: £2.17. CSF: £8.73. J. Gifford at Findon. 4l, 2l.

Other Liverpool results

2.0: 1, Western Rose (8-1); 2, Anaglogs Daughter (10-11); 3, Lord Greystoke (12-1). 11 ran.

2.35: 1, Daring Run (9-4); 2, Pollardstown (evens fav); 3, Dunmarco (15-1). 7 ran.

4.5: 1, Royal Resemblance (5-1); 2, Ballydonagh (7-4 fav); 3, Roulob (2-1). 8 ran. NR: All Bright, Andy Pandy.

4.35: 1, High Old Time (9-2 fav); 2, Hudson's Bay (5-1); 3, Hadejar (8-1). 20 ran. NR: Fenny Boy.

5.5: 1, Our Bara Boy (5-1 fav); 2, Hopeful Shot (7-1); 3, York Cottage (8-1). 15 ran.

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Storm Bird remains under cloud

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

As a cloud of uncertainty continues to hang over Storm Bird, the long-time favourite for both the 2,000 Guineas and the Derby, virtually everything continues to go right in the rival camp of Guy Harwood. At Salisbury on Saturday Harwood's excellent start to the season continued unchecked when he won both the 1,000 Guineas Trial and the 2,000 Guineas Trial with Go Leasing and Recitation respectively. And in To-Agori-Mou he still has his ace up his sleeve.

Storm Bird's principal owner, Robert Sangster, told me yesterday before he left home to watch his Arc heroine, Detroit, begin her four-year-old career at Longchamps, that that much respected Irish veterinary surgeon, Bob Griffin is going down to Ballydoyle this morning to examine Storm Bird.

Storm Bird may have rapped an ankle, to put it in human terms. Time alone will tell how long the injury will take to heal. But the way the wind was blowing yesterday, it pointed to it being longer rather than sooner.

The Minstrel Stakes at Leopardstown on Wednesday and the Greenham Stakes at Newbury next Saturday now look out as far as Storm Bird is concerned, but provided that he makes a fairly quick recovery, he could still have a preparatory race at Phoenix Park on April 18. Until such a time that he runs, or is at any rate back in fast work, Hills are quite right to take him out of the antepost betting, at least as far as the 2,000 Guineas is concerned. So, Storm Bird has now been replaced as favourite for the 2,000 by To-Agori-Mou, whose stable and galloping companion, Recitation, put up such a scintillating performance at Salisbury on Saturday.

Recitation is now all set to take on the best French colts in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, which is their equivalent of our 2,000 Guineas. Having beaten many of them once already in last year's Grand Criterium, there must be a good chance that he will return with the spoils again on April 26. The ease with which Recitation won on Saturday was itself a compliment to To-Agori-Mou, because Harwood remains adamant that he is the better. To-Agori-Mou did what his trainer described as a really good bit of work last Wednesday, and he is now firmly on course for the Craven Stakes at Newmarket in eight days' time.

The way that Go Leasing burst clear in the 1,000 Guineas Trial surely justifies a crack at the classic itself on April 30. This was an impressive performance, because Welshwyn, the filly she beat by four lengths in the end, was runner-up to Marwell in the Keeveley Park Stakes.

Salisbury

2.30: 1, Golden Brigadier (8-1); 2, Snukab (10-1); 3, Shangarry (9-4). 11 ran.

3.0: 1, Go Leasing (5-1 fav); 2, Welshwyn (4-1); 3, Maryland Cookie (4-1). 13 ran.

3.30: 1, Winter Wind (7-1); 2, Queens Pride (4-1 fav); 3, Belfort (1-1). 20 ran.

4.0: 1, Recitation (8-11); 2, Tahoe (1-1); 3, Dalby Mustang (10-1). 9 ran.

4.30: 1, Prison Payment (8-1); 2, El Presidente (7-1); 3, Musical Minx (7-1). 9 ran.

5.0: 1, Abla (7-1); 2, Jo-San (1-1); 3, Green Memory (15-8 fav). 7 ran.

Stockton

2.45: 1, Syncopate (4-1); 2, Ski's Double (10-11); 3, Prow (16-1). 11 ran.

3.15: 1, Kirtling (6-5); 2, Lombard (1-1); 3, Ermac (20-1). 4 ran.

3.45: 1, Saulingdale (9-2); 2, Prince Diamond (1-5); 3, Sovereign Landing. 7 ran.

4.15: 1, Rondafosa (9-4); 2, Willie (16-1); 3, Scarlet Town (4-1); Irish Sparkle 13-8 fav. NR: Hill Warrior.

4.45: 1, Major's Affair (7-1); 2, One's For You (8-1); Zephyr's (4-1). Do It Now evens fav. NR: Resigning.

5.15: 1, Dance Little Lady (3-1); 2, Fran's Baby (8-1); 3, Spanish Hat (8-1). 12 ran. NR: Joe Poles.

5.45: 1, Miss Poinciana (9-2); 2, Stop (9-1); 3, Lime Star (4-1). 7 ran. Dubai's Pride evens fav.

Nottingham programme

2.0 SUNSTAR STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £897: 5f)

1 0 Alpha Omega, R. Williams, 9-0 .. Cauthen 9
2 Anywhichwayyoucan, G. Kindersley, 9-0 .. Cook 4
3 Ascenmoor, P. Dexter, 9-0 ...... Dwyer 5
4 Basil Boy, R. Hannon, 9-0 .... Cochrane 5 11
6 Chris's Lad, V. Goodwill, 9-0 .... Miller 5
9 0 Fight The Fire, W. Holden, 9-0 .... Gunn 2
12 4 Milk Heart, P. Haslam, 9-0 ...... Jago 10
15 Paul's Ivory, J. Sutcliffe, 9-0 .. Pat Eddery 6
16 0 Priors Paddy, P. Haslam, 9-0 .... Kettle 1
18 Three Dealers, R. Hollinshead, 9-0 .. Perks 12
19 Town Special, P. Ashworth, 9-0 .. Raymond 8
20 Yo-Ho, J. Hardy, 9-0 ...... Matthias 7
5-2 Basil Boy, 7-1 Chris's Lad, 4-1 Milk Heart, 13-2 Paul's Ivory, 10-1 Fight The Fire, 14-1 others.

2.30 ABOYEUR STAKES (2-y-o selling: £652: 5f)

1 Blessed Gossip, W. Guest, 8-11 .. Guest 7 5
4 Heavenly Scent, G. Blum, 8-8 .. Rimmer 5 4
5 Mosswern, G. Toft, 8-8 .... Connorton 5 1
6 Sally's Symphony, T. Tierney, 8-8 J. Mercer 2
8 Settled, Mrs C. Reavey, 8-8 .... Rogers 3
6-4 Settled, 15-8 Blessed Gossip, 6-1 Mosswern, 8-1 Heavenly Scent, 10-1 Sally's Symphony.

3.0 CORONACH HANDICAP (£1,197: 1m 2f)

1 334-2 State Trooper, B. Hanbury, 4-10-0 Young 16
2 0123- Hillsdown Gold, G. Huffer, 4-9-13 Crossley 11
3 204-0 Prince Warren, R. Stubbs, 4-9-10 .. Barnes 7
6 1244- Varkez (CD), D. Morley, 4-9-5 Bleasdale 10
7 0012- Claudius Secundus, M. Jarvis, 4-9-5 Raymond 12
9 1000- Carey's Choice (D, B), W. Elsey, 6-9-2 Wigham 15
10 104-0 Audley End (D), H. Wragg, 4-9-1 Pat Eddery 7
11 0400- Laurium (C), G. P.-Gordon, 4-8-13 Duffield 17
13 30/0 Lonecliffe (D), P. Felgate, 6-8-11 Miller 13
14 023-0 Jebel Ali, C. Benstead, 4-8-10 .... Rouse 4
15 0000- The Hertford (B), N. Gaselee, 10-8-9 Thomas 9
16 0330- Empress Jeannie, H. Collingridge, 4-8-9 Sexton 6
17 044/ Elysee Palace, B. Palling, 5-8-8 Launchbury 11
21 000-0 Sporting Covergirl, N. Callaghan, 4-8-6 McGlone 7 1
22 0012- Greatest Hits, D. Laing, 4-8-6 .... Reid 3
23 00-0 Pykestaff, C. Austin, 4-8-4 .... Swinburn 8
24 200- Silmira, Mrs R. Lomax, 4-8-4 .. Newnes 5 2
7-4 State Trooper, 5-1 Varkez, 9-2 Hillsdown Gold, 7-1 Audley End, 9-1 Jebel Ali, 12-1 others.

3.30 CALL BOY HANDICAP (1,756: 1m 5f)

2 /410- Another Sam, R. Hannon, 4-9-6 Cochrane 5 8
3 4141- Brave The Reef, I. Balding, 4-9-4 Matthias 12
4 2140- Al Kuwait, J. Sutcliffe, 5-9-4 .. Pat Eddery 17
6 2035- Simla, P. Walwyn, 5-9-2 .... J. Mercer 4
7 100-1 El Kabir, J. Hardy, 4-9-0 .... Cook 1
11 0200- Gleaming Wave, G. Huffer, 7-8-10 Miller 16
12 0311- Malicious Love, H. Collingridge, 4-8-5 Rimmer 5 3
13 030-0 Salthouse, N. Callaghan, 4-8-4 McGlone 7 7
14 0000- Le Champ Talot, H. Hollinshead, 5-8-2 Paul Eddery 15
18 /000- Esal Boy, D. Kent, 4-7-11 ...... Street 6
20 0200- Carvers Corah, D. Leslie, 7-7-9 Carlisle 5 10
22 000-2 Lost For Words, R. Boss, 4-7-7 Crossley 5 5
23 /020- Princely Chief, D. Ringer, 4-7-7 .. Salmon 14
24 3412- Mr Petit (C), P. Asquith, 4-7-7 ...... Lowe 1
25 200-0 Hanasena, W. Musson, 4-7-7 .... Fox 13
27 0/00- Ridan Flight, H. O'Neill, 5-7-7 .... McKay 2
28 004/ Le Pretendant, D. Hanley, 7-7-7 11
29 000 Supreme Vista, B. Richmond, 8-7-7 Jones 5 18
9-4 Brave The Reef, 5-2 Al Kuwait, 4-1 El Kabir, 13-2 Lost For Words, 8-1 Malicious Love, 10-1 others.

4.0 FELSTEAD HANDICAP (£1,214: 6f)

3 004-0 Brianstanway (D), D. Nicholson, 1-9-11 Pat Eddery 10
4 2020- Staying Alive, L. Cumani, 4-9-11 .... Cook 8
6 0000- Happy Vappy, Rex Carter, 4-9-5 J. Johnson 3
7 000-0 Hyperion Chief (D), W. Wharton, 5-9-5 Wharton 15
9 0000- In Rhythm, P. Makin, 4-9-3 ...... Carson 6
10 1013- Etesian, C. Nelson, 5-9-3 .... Rogers 13
11 4331- Royal Kingdom (D), D. Smyly, 4-9-0 Waldron 16
12 0000- Mandalla, I. Barratt, 4-8-11 .... Charnock 17
14 1620- Proffhall (D), A. Balding, 4-8-10 .... Curant 1
15 403-3 Kassak, H. O'Neill, 5-8-10 .... Reid 7
17 0-000 Showpiece (D), D. Wilson, 7-8-7 .... Rouse 4
18 1040- Young Croftie (D, B), R. Morris, 4-8-6 Moore 7 11
21 0000- Dhuard, D. Hanley, 4-7-12 .... McKay 20
23 4004- Winner Takes All (D), D. Marks, 4-7-11 Robinson 1
26 0300- Paddle Wheel, D. H. Jones, 5-7-9 Crossley 19
27 0133- Panagos Bay, A. Jarvis, 4-7-7 ...... Lowe 18
29 000-0 Comtec (D), E. Brodgwater, 7-7-8 Leason 11
30 0000- Ylpreakis, G. Fletcher, 4-7-7 .... Fox 5
31 043-4 Sally's Silver (D), C. Benstead, 5-7-7 Hills 5 2
32 0000- Wolf Cub, C. Austin, 4-7-7 Sweetapple 7 12
5-2 Royal Kingdom, 100-30 Staying Alive, 4-1 Etesian, 13-2 Sally's Silver, 10-1 Brianstanway, 14-1 others.

4.30 MANNA STAKES (Div. I: 3-y-o maidens: £897: 1m 50yd)

2 Essam (B), A. Hide, 9-0 .... T. Hide 3
3 0000- Honham Road, D. Marks, 9-0 .... Young 7 17
7 000- His'and, L. Barratt, 9-0 .... Charnock 1
10 030- Mouhanned, C. Brittain, 9-0 .... Carson 7
11 0- Northern Prince, P. Walwyn, 9-0 .. J. Mercer 8
14 0000- Red Field, H. Westbrook, 9-0 .... Cook 12
21 0000- Bay Foulard, R. Hollinshead, 8-11 .... Perks 6
24 0040- Creative Star, J. Fitzgerald, 8-11 .. Brown 7 3
26 4420- Goldliner Imp, J. Hardy, 8-11 .... Raymond 11
30 0- Joella, M. Ryan, 8-11 .... Matthias 4
33 0000- Marine, I. Balding, 8-11 .... Launchbury 10
36 0 Pinden, B. Palling, 8-11 .... Johnson 5
38 40 The Poncher, Rex Carter, 8-11 2
2-1 Northern Prince, 5-1 Goldliner Imp, 4-1 Marine, 13-2 Mouhanned, 10-1 Essam, 12-1 others.

5.0 MANNA STAKES (Div. II: 3-y-o maidens: £897: 1m 50yd)

3 Government Program, Thomson Jones, 9-0 Cook 5
6 3- Hillsdown Lad, G. Huffer, 9-0 .... Miller 6
9 4420- Kyoto, H. Collingridge, 9-0 .... Bond 1
13 Rare Scotch, N. Vigors, 9-0 .... Curant 0
16 4000- Secret Harbour, C. Brittain, 9-0 .... Carson 4
20 0400- Widart, G. P.-Gordon, 9-0 .... Duffield 11
23 00- Beaumains, J. Sutcliffe, 8-11 .. Pat Eddery 8
25 0000- First Night Flight, D. Whelan, 8-11 Guest 7 8
28 4023- Harlew, W. Guest, 8-11 .... Reid 7
30 0000- Levendry Knight, M. Blanshard, 8-11 McKay 7
33 03- Petite Hester, I. Balding, 8-11 13
37 Royal Baize, J. Hindley, 8-11 ...... Taylor 10
38 0 Xanthos, B. Hills, 8-11 .... Cauthen 11
4-6 Hillsdown Lad, 100-30 Kyoto, 13-2 Government Program, 8-1 Petite Hester, 10-1 Xanthos, 14-1 others.

Nottingham selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.0 Chris's Lad. 2.30 Settled. 3.0 Audley End. 3.30 Brave The Reef. 4.0 Etesian. 4.30 Goldliner Imp. 5.0 Hillsdown Lad.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Fight the Fire. 2.30 Heavenly Scent. 3.0 Claudius Secundus. 3.30 Lost for Words. 4.0 Staying Alive. 4.30 Mouhanned. 5.0 Hillsdown Lad.

Kelso selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Cheltenham. 2.45 Cape Felix. 3.15 Celtic Tara. 3.45 Peaty Sandy. 4.15 Astral Charmer. 4.45 Belle Isle Walk. 5.15 Count Vronsky.

Kelso NH programme

2.15 SPROUSTON HURDLE (Selling: Handicap: £444: 2m)

2 -0ppr Crown Court (D), F. Walton, 11-12-1 Mr Walton
3 0000 Propus (D), A. Fowler, 7-11-5 MacWilliams 7
4 0-020 Sparta (CD, B), W. Fairgrieve, 5-11-4 J. Mooney 4
5 0-34f Cheltenham, M. Naughton, 8-11-2 .. Bradley 7
6 0022 Meg's Mantle, R. McDonald, 8-11-3 Hawkins
7 0000 Lord Melbourne (B), A. Bell, 7-11-0 Brooke 7
8 0000 Tiptoe Lover, Mrs M. Tinkler, 5-10-12 C. Tinkler
9 0044 Menalist, R. Dods, 5-10-11 ...... Hansen 7
10 0-0f0 Retaliation, V. Thompson, 11-10-10 Mr Thompson 7
11 0000 Mount Magic, R. Allan, 5-10-6 .... Holohan 7
13 0000 Stella's Pet (D), W. Storey, 9-10-2 Miss Storey 7
15 0-000 Double Wish, T. Barnes, 5-10-0 ...... Barnes
16 3-pp0 One Tree Hill, H. Burns, 7-10-0 ...... —
17 r-p04 My Star Hussar, Miss B. Oliver, 6-10-0 Miss Oliver 4
19 u000 Super Hard, W. Storey, 8-10-0 .. S. Charlton
20 0000 Floran, T. Cuthbert, 7-10-0 .. P. A. Charlton
9-4 Cheltenham, 4-1 Meg's Mantle, 5-1 Menalist, 6-1 My Star Hussar.

2.45 CLYDE BRIDGE CHASE (Handicap: £1,262: 2m 196yd)

2 u232 Cape Felix, G. Richards, 8-11-9 .... R. Barry
3 3130 Starlight Lad, R. Bethell, 7-11-8 .. C. Grant
5 3121 Dusky Duke (CD), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-10 Lamb
7 3344 Caravino (CD), R. Whitaker, 8-10-3 Bowker
8 11/4 Trevino, R. Brewis, 11-10-0 .... Pimlott
9 0400 Dr Guillotine, W. Fairgrieve, 6-10-0 Doughty
11 0000 Roman King, T. Watson, 10-10-0 .... Barnes
13 4342 Spartan Red, H. McConnell, 11-10-0 Mrs Robertson
14 0030 Pampered Sovereign (CD), V. Thompson, 10-10-0 ...... Mr Walton
15 440u Bergundy Beau (CD), Mrs D. Thomson, 10-10-0 ...... J. Golding
16 0323 Mystic Match, J. Brockbank, 7-10-0 .. Hawkins
17 442-4 Golden Express, W. Storey, 12-10-0 S. Charlton
18 4300 Conker Ville, J. Charlton, 6-10-0 .... Gray 7
5-1 Cape Felix, 4-1 Dusky Duke, 5-1 Starlight Lad, 6-1 Caravino.

3.15 TENNENT QUAICH HURDLE (Handicap: £1,871: 2½m)

2 4021 Celtic Tara (D), C. Booth, 5-11-9 .... Price 7
5 2212 Little Frenchman (C), E. Robson, 8-11-1 Isherwood 7
6 f330 Show Rose (D), N. Crump, 6-10-11 Hawkins
7 4400 Roman Con (D), B. Wilkinson, 7-10-10 Wilkinson 4
10 220-2 Part-Ex (D), R. Allan, 8-10-6 .... Holohan 7
11 0102 Tall Order (D), L. Foster, 7-10-5 .... —
12 0012 Enby Arco (D), Miss S. Hall, 6-10-5 Dutton 7
15 2001 Saucy Eater (C,D), T. Barnes, 8-10-3 Barnes
16 -u20f Canty's Brig, D. Thomson, 8-10-1 .... —
17 4013 Nodana (CD), T. Craig, 5-10-0 .... C. Grant
18 -u20f Canty's Brig, D. Thomson, 8-10-1 .. Pimlott C. Tinkler
21 0-p00 Habbersuprema, E. Carter, 7-10-0 .. A. Brown
22 0004 Who's Free (B, C), T. Cuthbert, 6-10-0 Lamb
23 0002- Dunstan Mood, T. Robson, 7-10-0 .. Miss Lock
24 0244 Tamarind Gem, R. Johnson, 5-10-0 S. Charlton
25 4400 Pleasant Polly, S. Payne, 6-10-0 .. Doughty
26 10fp Minimist, D. MacDonald, 8-10-0 J. Goulding 4
27 0002 Langdale Chase, E. Carter, 8-10-0 P. Charlton
28 00pf Toonfit Brig, G. Renilson, 8-10-0 .... Alkins
30 000-0 Beau Briggs, R. Cross, 8-10-0 .. Miss Cross 7
32 /04-0 Belcraig (C), Ld Kilmany, 6-10-0 .. Holmes
7-4 Celtic Tara, 4-1 Enby Arco, 5-1 Little Frenchman, 6-1 Show Rose.

3.45 SPRINGWOOD CHASE (Div I: Novices: £833: 2½m)

1 1312 Peaty Sandy (CD), Miss R. Hamilton, 7-12-0 Mr T. Dun
6 /p00 Bushello, I. Jordan, 6-11-0 .... Allen
8 4-000 Church Moose, A. Maclagart, 9-11-0 R. Barry
12 0n0 *Happy Trio, J. Hubbuck, 8-11-0 ...... —
13 0/4-f Hardy Fellow, K. Oliver, 7-11-0 O'Connell 4
16 00-f0 Kindly Night, N. Crump, 6-11-0 .... Hawkins
17 0-04 Larry Bull, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-0 McIntyre 4
21 pb0p Mossider (B), J. Thompson, 9-11-0 Mr Craggs
25 b0 Pater Noster, W. Sample, 8-11-0 .. Mr Sample
27 p030 Rannerdale, D. MacDonald, 7-11-0 Goulding 4
31 3/33 Sea Lad, T. Craig, 6-11-0 ....
4-5 Peaty Sandy, 7-2 Sea Lad, 5-1 Larry Bell, 8-1 Hardy Fellow.

4.15 BUCCLEUCH CHASE (Hunters: £565: 3m)

1 4-u1p Astral Charmer (B), C. Bell, 8-12-5 Mr Shiels 7
2 13-02 Gayle Warning (CD), J. Dudgeon, 7-12-5 Mr Dudgeon 7
3 pfp0- Architrade, W. Monteith, 7-12-0 Mr Monteith 7
4 Bit of a Wit, A. Rogers, 10-12-0 Mr Walton
5 4p00 Loch Spartan, W. A. Stephenson, 7-12-0 Capt Lochore 7
6 p/p Morello Brig (B), A. Hogarth, 10-12-0 Mr J. Dun
8 f0/2- My Mimosa, Mrs R. Elliot, 9-12-0 ...... —
9 0/ New Year, W. Tuffle, 8-12-0 .. Mr W. Dun 7
10 00/u Russian Society, J. Gibson, 8-12-0 Mr Gibson
12 uu0- Stone Knight (B), J. Wight, 9-12-0 Mr White 7
13 2 Vulgan's Strike, J. Gilmour, 8-12-0 Mr Gilmour 7
15-8 Astral Charmer, 7-2 Gayle Warning, 5-1 Vulgan's Strike, 6-1 Loch Spartan.

4.45 BOWMONT HURDLE (4-y-o Novices: £478: 2m)

1 1004 Galatch (D), W. Wells, 11-8 ...... R. Barry
3 Belle Isle Walk, N. Crump, 10-12 .. Hawkins
4 0001 Betrothed (D), R. Woodhouse, 10-12 Dutton 7
5 p0 Bronze Tango, Mrs L. Brown, 10-12 .. Lamb
6 4300 College Don, V. Thompson, 10-12 Mr Thompson 7
8 020 Good On You, R. Johnson, 10-12 S. Charlton
9 0 High Kype (B), J. S. Wilson, 10-12 C. Grant
10 *Instant Freeze, B. McLean, 10-12 .... —
11 00 Kellon Lass, Miss Z. Green, 10-12 Mr Hudson 4
12 0p Lancar, W. Fairgrieve, 10-12 .... Doughty
13 0000 Leonora, T. Walton, 10-12 .... Mr Walton
14 Major Day, J. S. Wilson, 10-12 .. Strinner 7
15 0003 Miss Apollo, T. Cuthbert, 10-12 P. Charlton
16 Miss Brig, H. McConnell, 10-12 Mrs Robertson
17 000 Roman View, R. Dods, 10-12 ...... Hansen 7
18 Shooter Prince, F. Watson, 10-12 .. Gray 7
20 0 Storm Trooper, C. Bell, 10-12 ...... Pimlott
22 0p Turlleton, R. McDonald, 10-12 .... —
3-2 Belle Isle Walk, 4-1 Betrothed, 11-2 Galatch, 6-1 Miss Apollo.

5.15 SPRINGWOOD CHASE (Div II: Novices: £831: 2½m)

5 0/00- Breedero, E. Carter, 7-11-0 .... A. Brown
7 of00 Charlie's Choice, F. Walson, 8-11-0 .. —
9 00u3 Count Vronsky, B. McLean, 8-11-0 S. Charlton
10 30f Mister Moonshine, K. Oliver, 7-11-0 Mr T. Dun
22 00p0 Move Up, W. Murray, 10-11-0 .... D. Alkins
24 3440 Oxenham, N. Crump, 6-11-0 .... Mr Craggs
26 f20n Patient Knight, R. Cross, 8-11-0 .... White
28 0040 Ratherne, W. Crawford, 8-11-0 .... Doughty
29 u3p0 Reformina, V. Thompson, 8-11-0 Mr M. Thompson 7
35 0000 Tree Warbler, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-0 Lamb
38 0-000 Thornwick Bay, J. Hartley, 5-10-5 .... Tuck
2-1 Oxenham, 7-2 Count Vronsky, 5-1 Mister Moonshine, 6-1 Ratherne.

• Doubtful runner

Rugby Union

Cup machine must find another gear by May

By David Hands

London Scottish 12 Leicester 18

With a cough and a splutter the Leicester cup machine rolled into the John Player knockout final for the fourth successive year. At the same time their victory at Richmond Athletic Ground on Saturday, by four penalty goals and two dropped goals against three penalties and a dropped goal, established a new record for the competition of 14 successive wins.

The machine, however, will need to find a higher gear if Gosforth are to be defeated on May 2 and the John Player Cup annexed as Leicester's exclusive property. The equality which existed between the two clubs was indicated by the necessity for extra time, for the first time in the competition. During the additional 20 minutes, prolonged through injury, two dropped goals by Les Cusworth finally clinched the issue for the holders.

Cusworth and his opposite number, Ron Wilson, were the key figures in this hard and absorbing contest. Apart from an early heel against the head by Wheeler, the scrummaging was level pegging; Leicester's much-maligned lineout more than held its own until the last quarter when McHarg, having received treatment for a damaged left leg, proceeded to win more ball jumping off one limb than he had done off two. Leicester's initial advantage in the loose play was more hotly disputed as the game progressed, though Johnson played consistently well throughout.

An injury to Woodward, however, may have changed the course of the game. The England centre received a bang on the head in the first quarter and, though he stayed on for the rest of the half, just after the interval he was dispatched to the dressing-room with concussion. The experienced Hall replaced him but Leicester, having failed to tie Scottish in by using rolling mauls, may have been loath to try to work their way round the wings.

Instead Cusworth kicked tactically, just as Wilson began to put in some long raking kicks to touch to keep his side going forward. It was a fascinating contrast in styles, the little, darting, blond-haired Cusworth against the tall, dark figure of the Scottish captain. Wilson had already landed three penalties, against two by Hare, to give his side a 9—6 half-time lead. Though he was to experience the same difficulty as Hare kicking across the wind towards the open end, Wilson dropped a goal to preserve his side's lead after Hare had levelled with his third goal.

For a half-hour in the second half that delicate three-point difference looked as though it might be enough. Two crucial tackles made sure that it was not, the first by Hare on Wood, the second by Cusworth, again on Wood. Scottish knew they needed a try to put them out of reach and, anxiety grabbing at their judgment, the mistakes began to accrue. Hare was obstructed chasing his own kick, but missed the penalty; Dodge, who tackled superbly throughout, was nearly through but the Scottish went over the ruck and Hare kicked the easy goal.

Gordon kept sniping away, McHarg kept turning up where no decent lock should to cover where danger threatened, Corbett and Biggar refused to allow Leicester to develop anything and Kirk, exceptionally mobile, was as good as a third flanker. Tired limbs were dragged into 10 minutes of extra time each way and another Leicester player, Collington, went off with a dislocated shoulder.

With six minutes left Cusworth dropped a goal from a scrum set up by his own garryowen. Hall left the field with a dislocated elbow, leaving Leicester to fend off their opponents with 14 men but their cup experience was beginning to tell.

Dodge was held in a lunge for the line, then Johnson. Joyce, solidity personified about the field, won a last lineout and Cusworth, from over 40 metres, hit a dropped kick so sweetly that it flew high between the posts and into an ecstatic bunch of Leicester supporters to give brave Scottish the order of the boot that they hardly deserved.

LONDON SCOTTISH: R. Grant; A. Friell, R. Gordon, J. Hume, C. Wood; R. Wilson, A. Tedford; D. Butcher, I. Kirk, J. Fraser, A. McHarg, K. Budge, M. Biggar, R. Drummond, P. Corbett.

LEICESTER: W. Hare; R. Barnwell, P. Dodge, C. Woodward (rep. B. Hall), K. Williams; L. Cusworth, S. Kenney; R. Cowling, P. Wheeler, S. Redfern, N. Joyce, N. Jackson, I. Smith, A. Collington (rep. M. Knowles), S. Johnson.

Referee: A. Welsby (Lancashire).

Results

JOHN PLAYER CUP: Semi-final round. Gosforth 24, Moseley 3; London Scottish 12, Leicester 18 (aet).

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon 23, Llanelli 13; Abertillery 7, Pontypool 21; Bath 9, Newport 3; Birkenhead Park 0, Middlesbrough 4; Bradford 29, Hartlepool Rovers 10; Bridgend 15, Rosslyn Park 9; Bristol 21, Harlequins 10; Camborne 7, Gloucester 28; Cardiff 40, Bedford 12; Chesley 28, Sheffield 16; Coventry 30, Rugby 6; Cross Keys 4, Maesteg 28; Ebbw Vale 12, Newbridge 16; Exeter 28, Cheltenham 12; Fylde 36, Roundhay 16; Halifax 25, Manchester 3; Harrogate 31, Davenport 16; London Irish 33, Birmingham 13; London Welsh 12, Swansea 36; Metropolitan Police 9, Broughton Park 16; Morley 18, Malone 9; Neath 16, Richmond 6; New Brighton 3, Liverpool 9; Northampton 35, Headingley 0; Nottingham 15, Wasps 16; Orrell 22, Otley 10; Penarth 24, South Wales Police 14; Plymouth Albion 20, Glamorgan Wanderers 31; Sale 32, Wakefield 8; Sunderland 13, Hull and East Riding 28; US Portsmouth 11, Blackheath 6; Waterloo 21, St Helens 7; West Hartlepool 10, Northern 26; Wilmslow 25, Heaton Moor 12; Tredegar 22, Lydney 9; Pontypridd 22, Saracens 6.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Beverley 11, St Joseph's College, Beulah Hill 0.

NAIROBI: Scorpions XV 19, Cumbria Schools 21.

FIRA CHAMPIONSHIP: Netherlands 21, Tunisia 9 (in Hilversum). Current standings:

	P	W	D	L	Pts
W Germany	3	3	0	0	6
Netherlands	4	3	0	1	6
Tunisia	3	2	0	1	4
Yugoslavia	2	0	0	2	0
Morocco	2	0	0	2	0

FRENCH CHALLENGE CUP: Béziers 23, Pau 15; Toulon 16, Dax 14; Perpignan 18, Carcassonne 6; Lourdes 15, Agen 12; Toulouse 7, La Rochelle 7 (Toulouse go through); Narbonne 34, Brive 0; Romans 36, Mont de Marsan 18; Graulhet 17, Angoulême 15.

Gosforth find right balance on field of play but not in fields of finance

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Gosforth 24 Moseley 3

While the John Player Cup holders were living dangerously in London, Gosforth registered a crushing victory in the semi-final round on Saturday and earned themselves the status as favourites to win the final at Twickenham next month. Moseley's captain, Martin Cooper, remarked afterwards that he had known that Gosforth had a good pack, but had not realized quite how formidable it was.

Though it is forward power on which Gosforth realistically build success, there is a lot more to their strength than that. For a start, they are admirably served at half back where the seasoned Young, burrowing away, looks as sharp and shrewd as ever and where the nimble, flexible Johnson has much more to his game than a cultured right boot.

The Scot, Breakey, supplies more than bludgeoning strength in midfield, as does Archer on the right wing. Alongside Breakey there is McMillan, a twinkling, zestful runner. At McMillan's left hand there is McDowell, a strong and versatile young footballer now claiming a new position from the better-known Gustard. Behind them all stands Patrick, a wise and sound full back.

With such a well-balanced side Gosforth can afford to tolerate the national media which continue to report their activities with more respect than enthusiasm. Unhappily, they cannot, like Liberace, laugh all the way to the bank after something less than rave notices.

Indeed, a disappointingly small crowd on Saturday provided a realistic footnote to the financial crisis we are mired in the club programme. "It is no secret", it was written, "that most major clubs are finding the going hard, and there is the feeling that while there has never been so much money in rugby as there is today, it is not going to the right places and the clubs are getting a poor deal".

The article reflected that, what with county and divisional games, and televised internationals, Gosforth have had only seven home matches at which they could expect a decent gate: "No doubt county and country do very well out of these arrangements, but this does not help to pay our bills."

There was never a doubt about the match result once Gosforth had turned round 9—3 to the good. Their forwards exerted continuing pressure at close quarter and in the final score, three goals and two penalty goals to a penalty did not flatter the Geordies in the least.

There was an element of luck in their first try, when Anderson, a hard flanker with a shining pate, charged down a clearance kick from Perry. But pressure is the name of the Gosforth game: for the remaining tries the side, forwards and back alike, took chances admirably. A solid scrummage base established the second of them, Breakey making a sufficient dent in midfield to draw in more than one defender and then cleverly delivering a pass under pressure to McMillan who slipped his man to speed over on the left.

Gosforth's pack rolled back an increasing amount of good ball from the mauls, and it was from such possession that Young, with a dummy and switch of direction, set up the third try. Butler and Roberts went with him and the last pass, from Roberts, duly crowned by McDowell, must have been among the most satisfactory delivered by a lock this season.

Johnson handsomely converted the Gosforth tries, and he and Young kicked the penalties. Perry landed Moseley's penalty kick in the second half that never got within arm's length.

The young Gosforth lock, Bainbridge, who is shortly bound for Argentina in England's colours, had a highly productive experience at the lineout until Ayre came back into contention in the second half. Bainbridge also mounted some spectacular bursts on the fringes, and the thought persisted that he looked like an instinctive No 8 playing at lock, while Butler, an instinctive lock, was playing at No 8.

In the final Leicester now face the opponents they probably have feared the most. It is on the cards, I suspect, that Gosforth will become the first club to win the competition three times, to acquire a new trophy after giving the first one to Leicester for a third successive win.

GOSFORTH: [illegible]

MOSELEY: [illegible]

Referee: A. [illegible] (Gloucestershire).

Young players seeking the way to higher things

By Gordon Allan

England Colts 13 Wales Youth 10

Matches between these two bodies began in 1972. This one, at Iffley Road, Oxford, on Saturday, was not among the best, though some of the players have the ability to go on to higher things. The mark has been set: Clive Woodward, who played in 1975, was the first former colt to be chosen for the British Lions.

There was a bigger crowd than almost anything Oxford University are accustomed to, and an air of occasion, with both national anthems before the game and plenty of patriotic vociferation during it.

England won by three penalty goals and a try to a goal and a try. It has become almost a reflex action to commiserate with any team who scores two tries to one but loses, and to make pointed remarks about the alleged luck of the opposition. In this case, England just deserved to win. Their forwards, though lighter collectively, were stronger in the tight, and they had much the better of the game territorially.

Richard Meanwell kicked three penalties for England, with the same confidence as his older brother, Clive, the London Irish wing. The third goal, shortly before the end, won the match. It was as well for England that they had someone like Meanwell to kick their goals when it mattered. They were ragged behind the scrummage, and so were the Welsh. There was any amount of nervous, not to say nerve-racking, activity in midfield but little cohesion or penetration.

The tries tell the same tale in a different way. Two were scored by forwards, and the third, in a mix-up near the line, by the Welsh stand-off half, Ring. Tebbutt, a member of a hard-working back row, scored for England from a scrummage in the corner while one of the Welsh props, Steve Evans (at 17 stone, the heaviest player on either side), was temporarily off the field having his head bandaged. Hall, at number eight, picked the ball up and Tebbutt did the rest. That was in injury-time at the end of the first half, and it made the score 7-6 to England.

Morris, the number eight, scored the first Welsh try, which Harris converted. Harris fell short with a penalty from the halfway line. Murphy, the England scrum-half, knocked on in front of his own posts, and Morris drove through diagonally from the scrummage.

Murphy was the indirect cause of the second Welsh try, too. The Welsh back row harried him at a scrummage near the line, the ball ran loose, and Ring pounced on it. Ring looked the most accomplished of all the backs. Murphy eventually departed with a leg injury. It was scarcely his day, but he was not the only one of whom that could be said.

ENGLAND COLTS: R. Meanwell (Moseley); N. Anderton (Walsall), R. Harrow (Northampton), M. Lowther (Netherall OB), N. Hudman (Coventry); D. Llewellyn (Rosslyn Park), K. Murphy (Nottingham) (rep. S. Havery, Gateshead Fell); M. Linnett (Rugby), R. Howe (Beccehamians), W. Gray (Thornensians), S. Heaver (London Welsh, capt), R. Burn (Alnwick), R. Tebbutt (Leicester), J. Hall (Oldfield), K. Squire (Barnstaple).

WALES YOUTH: N. Harris (Crynant); G. Wobbe (Canton) (rep. A. Phillips, Glamorgan Wanderers), P. Hopkins (Llanelli, capt), A. Evans (Llandybie), A. Cartwright (Llandaff); M. Ring (Cardiff Juniors), C. Douglas (Lampeter); D. Joseph (BSC Port Talbot), P. John (Merthyr), S. Evans (BSC Port Talbot), A. Perry (Newport Saracens), T. Shaw (Blackwood), J. Evans (Pontarddulais) (rep. S. James, Nelson), M. Morris (Neath colts), M. Budd (St Joseph's, Cardiff).

Referee: A. Hosie (Scotland).

Cardiff and Holmes in relaxed vein

By Gerald Davies

Cardiff 40 Bedford 12

After the miserably wet conditions of recent weeks, both sides on Saturday took advantage of the firm conditions and the unfamiliar sun on their backs to dabble in the free-running game. It was inevitable that, along with moments of abandon and dashing individual skill, there should be mistakes too but nobody seemed to worry unduly about that.

With the season drawing to a close, the atmosphere was relaxed and enjoyable. This may have suited Cardiff before they settle down this week to the more serious business of considering how they can win the Welsh Cup for the first time next Saturday. Four tries in 10 minutes in the final stages eventually saw the home side romp to an easy victory by four goals and four tries to Bedford's three tries.

Cardiff were always in command, capable of producing something extra whenever the occasion demanded: Bedford, until the last quarter, kept beavering away largely through the efforts of Wilkinson and, until he went off just before half-time, their captain, Phillips. Although Bedford were outmanoeuvred in the back division, both half backs did much useful probing, Youngs, with little possession, making some good breaks close to the scrum as well as setting his line in motion.

But such movements were not to their advantage because time and again they were unceremoniously bowled over in midfield. Youngs did get some rewards for his efforts however. On either side of the interval he made two darting and elusive runs down the right-hand touch line to set up Sargent for both his tries.

These, along with a try that Kerridge had scored against the run of play in the first half, brought Bedford within 10 points of the home team who had scored enterprising tries through Preece (2), Williams and Lease. Three of these were converted by Gareth Davies.

Any further illusions Bedford might have had were soon dashed by two devastating blows from Terry Holmes, whose first game this was since December 13. He had been allowed, by the open nature of the game, to play himself in gradually, much to the relief of the Cardiff selectors who had Saturday's cup game in mind.

He kicked a long, rolling ball from his own half to within a metre of the opposition's line. After setting up the pressure position he then ran wide of the ruck with characteristic forcefulness to race over for a try in the corner. Thereafter Cardiff ran away with the game and, in quick succession, tries were scored by Preece, Phillips and Davies, one of which was converted by Davies.

CARDIFF: P. Williams; C. Preece, D. Burcher, N. Hutchings, S. Evans; G. Davies, T. Holmes; I. Whitefoot, A. Phillips, I. Eidman, K. Edwards, R. Norster, R. Lakin, J. Scott (captain), B. Lease (rep. K. Trevett).

BEDFORD: J. Clemmence; I. Sargent, S. Kerridge, R. McKay, C. Davison; N. Chesworth, N. Youngs; P. Bolding, G. Demon, R. Pascall, N. Akhurst, J. Mawle, A. Whitehouse, R. Wilkinson, G. Phillips (captain) (rep. R. Eales).

Referee: R. Jones.

Spiers takes Canadians to the peak of their tour

By Steve Elliott

The third schools 15-a-side festival, held at Preston Grasshoppers and sponsored by the Bolton construction firm, Townson Group, was won by Ontario Juniors yesterday. Their rugged power and total dedication first counteracted, then controlled, Llandovery's superior skill in a taxing final.

The organizers are to be congratulated on the general excellence of the tournament which should now be able not only to continue, but to develop; one suggestion concerns the possibility of area qualification for the festival so that few, if any, schools that wish to take part have to be refused.

The only disappointment to neutral eyes was that Cowley and Llandovery, whom many regarded as the two outstanding sides in the tournament, met in a bruising semi-final. The winners, who had expended their last reserves of energy in overcoming Cowley by a single penalty, were ill-prepared to cope with another hard, physical side in the final.

This must not detract from a wonderful performance from the Canadians, whose improvement since the beginning of their tour, when they were well beaten by Arnold, has been as spectacular as their vociferous and aerial celebration of every score. They contributed the festival's outstanding forward, Spiers, a powerful and mobile prop.

Llandovery scored first when Aled Williams was successful with his second penalty chance. Their greater handling skill was beginning to tell when they were penalized for barging in the line-out and Pendreigh kicked the goal. There was a palpable knock-on in the build-up to the winning try, which doubles sympathy for the losers, but after the ball had been spun out to right wing, Jones, his speed and power carried him through two tackles before he passed inside. The remarkable Spiers, steaming up in support, scored and the missed conversion was irrelevant. Poor Llandovery hung their heads but they still had the sportsmanship to applaud the winners, which was symbolic of the whole festival.

RESULTS: Quarter-final round: Arnold 12, Hutton GS 0; Ontario Juniors 6, Doncaster GS 3; Lancaster RGS 4, Llandovery College 7; Cowley 7, De La Salle College 3. Semi-final round: Arnold 0, Ontario 7; Llandovery 3, Cowley 0. Final: Ontario 7, Llandovery 3. Plate final: Cardinal Allen's 16, St Benedict's, Ealing 9.

Kelso keep their best for the final

By Iain Mackenzie

Borders clubs, as they do so often, dominated the 15-a-side game in Scotland this season. It seems there will be a similar story on the sevens circuit, which began in Galashiels on Saturday. Two Borders clubs contested the final. Selkirk and Kelso met in what promised to be a thrilling match and was, until the second half.

Then Kelso, outstandingly successful in sevens for the past season or two, surged through a Selkirk side which had seemed capable, on the day, of winning as and when they chose. Kelso shrugged off a 12—0 deficit and ably led by Eric Paxton put on 34 points, finally winning 34—18.

Kelso had looked mundane while edging out three Edinburgh sides in earlier rounds. They made hard work of beating Heriot's and Watsonians; the semi-final against Boroughmuir, won 28-6, was the easiest of the three but still Kelso failed to recapture their verve of last year. Selkirk, trying for their first success in this tournament for 90 years, were happily getting rid of both Hawick and Gala, then dispatched Stewart's Melville, something few sevens do.

The best match of the afternoon was the first semi-final, between Selkirk and Gala. The towns are only five miles apart and the rivalry has always been intense. But Selkirk went across Gala's line almost before the Scottish champions were aware that the match had begun. It was the perfect start and, for Selkirk, the perfect finish at 16-10.

RESULTS: First round: Melrose 14, Jedforest 12; Gala 24, Langholm 0; Selkirk 20, Hawick 4; Stewart's Melville 20, Kilmarnock 12; Kelso 16, Heriot's 12; Watsonians 10, West of Scotland 8; Boroughmuir 18, Orrell 0; Jordanhill 24, Gordonians 0. Second round: Gala 26, Melrose 14; Selkirk 24, Stewart's Melville 0; Kelso 10, Watsonians 6; Boroughmuir 28, Jordanhill 10. Semi-final round: Selkirk 16, Gala 10; Kelso 28, Boroughmuir 6. Final: Kelso 34, Selkirk 18.

Rugby League

St Helens seethe over 'injustice'

By Keith Macklin

For the second successive season the speed and flowing style of Hull Kingston Rovers will grace Wembley. However, it is a debatable point whether a decision by the referee in the 51st minute changed the course of the game or merely hastened the inevitable.

St Helens were holding their own, move for move and tackle for tackle, and the score was 5—5 when the course of the Headingley semi-final was dramatically changed on Saturday. Mr Campbell awarded Rovers a penalty when Pinner, the excellent St Helens loose forward, kicked the ball away after St Helens had been penalized at a scrum.

St Helens were driven back 10 yards, and Hubbard kicked the goal. This gave Rovers not merely a two points lead but the psychological stimulus to lift their game. Although the St Helens players seethed and smarted under what they obviously regarded as a refereeing injustice, Rovers produced some fine handling and ran in three good tries to take them once again to the final on May 2.

In a close first half Hogan scored a try for Hull KR and Hubbard kicked the first of his five goals. Pinner replied with a brilliant individual try for St Helens and a goal from Griffiths levelled the scores. After that fateful 51st minute Rovers collected two tries from the elusive Hartley and one from the speedy Muscroft.

In yesterday's championship games, Bradford Northern and Wakefield Trinity enhanced their championship and top four ambitions. Northern won and Featherstone although their forward, Thompson, was sent off and they trailed 0—7 at one stage. Northern won 22—18 with tries from Grayshon, Stephenson and Barends and five goals from Mumby.

Other sides who won and helped their challenge for a top eight place were Widnes and Hull. In the second division victories for Wigan and Fulham make virtually certain their appearance in the top flight next season.

THREE FIVES CUP: Semi-final round. St Helens 5, Hull KR 22.

Yesterday

FIRST DIVISION: Featherstone Rovers 18, Bradford Northern 22; Leeds 23, Leigh 23; Oldham 13, Wakefield Trinity 15; Widnes 23, Halifax 12; Workington Town 8, Hull 17.

SECOND DIVISION: Bramley 17, Blackpool Borough 6; Fulham 13, Whitehaven 0; Hunslet 11, Batley 12; Huyton 10, Rochdale Hornets 20; Swinton 22, York 13; Wigan 23, Huddersfield 9.

Cross-country

Kedir takes it all in his stride

San Vittore Olona, April 5.—Mohammed Kedir, of Ethiopia, won the six-mile Five Mills cross-country race in 29min 4sec today. Roberto de Castella, of Australia, beat Miruts Yifter, another Ethiopian, for second place. He was the sole non-Ethiopian in the top seven to finish.

The wiry Kedir strode effortlessly through the race. De Castella, aged 24, a Melbourne science student, who was sixth in last week's cross-country championship, broke away in the seventh kilometre, building a five-second lead.

Grete Waitz, of Norway, predictably finished far ahead of the field in winning the women's 2.5-mile event in 16min 43sec.—Reuter.

Golf

Clean-hitting Faldo leads invaders in a foreign field

From John Hennessy
Golf Correspondent
Greensboro, April 5

The United States PGA official responsible for the press room here at the Forest Oaks Country Club was deeply impressed. "Nick must be the best 'foreign' player on the United States tour right now," he said. He was referring to Nick Faldo, the pride of Welwyn Garden City whose 68 on the third day elevated him from joint 18th to joint fourth in the Greater Greensboro Open golf Tournament with a three round total of 213 (three under par for this 6,984 yard course). Larry Nelson was on 206 (69 yesterday), Mark Hayes on 207 (68) and Lee Trevino on 211 (70).

The official was concerned to explain the use of the qualification embodied in the quotation marks. He was referring to casual invaders rather than tour regulars, but that would still include the imposing cosmopolitan assembly of Gary Player (S Africa), Isao Aoki (Japan), Greg Norman (Australia) and the proud Spaniard, Severiano Ballesteros. Certainly, Faldo's play yesterday would tend to substantiate such a glowing opinion. It was not simply what he did—and there was only one better round, George Archer, 67—but the impressive way in which he did it.

It would be hard to imagine that the golf ball could be more cleanly hit. Without any frills or fidgets he was lashing into the ball with that powerful curve of his long body and finding his target time after time, whether with his woods from tee or fairway or his irons to the greens. And on the fast tilting greens of Forest Oaks the target for the irons is not so much the flag as the precisely correct side of the flag. A 15ft putt from one side of the hole here is often preferable to another after half the distance from the other side.

The substance of Faldo's round was the five holes beginning with the fifth. His score over that purple patch went 3, 3, 3, 3, 4 or in other words four birdies out of five with four single putts from the "correct side". Meanwhile the short fourth had defied his tee shot and he was unable to get down with a chip and a putt so that he was out in 33, three under par.

The tenth, too, extorted three putts from him. The first and tenth, alternately opening holes on the first two days, have been no happy hunting grounds for him, but he was at last getting the measure of the long hole and he took his four at the huge ninth (572 yards) by way of a pitch and putt and at the heavily protected 13th (512 yards) by way of a wedge out of the sand and another single putt.

It was this hole where Ballesteros achieved an even more spectacular *coup de théâtre* on the second day than first information had suggested. From a position teetering on the out of bounds and allowing him only just enough room for his back swing, he pitched over the corner of the temporary stands to an elevated green and the ball struck the pin full pitch about a foot from ground level. Where it might have squirted out in any direction, it did the most improbable thing of all, running straight down into the hole, which he could not even see. Even for a man of his reputation for the outrageous it was some bombshell, recorded by a roar which swept over the whole course.

He is never one to do things by halves and when he was bunkered at the first yesterday, he blasted out from North Carolina in the distant direction of South Carolina. He took three more and so dropped from two over par to four over. He pulled one stroke back before the round was over, but it left him 219, 13 behind the leader.

Norman, whom Faldo might regard as a contemporary rival, scored 72 yesterday for a total of 220, leaving Faldo to agonise over the fact that Norman has a place at August next week for the Masters, where he does not, short of some extraordinary happenings in the fourth round here. Peter Oosterhuis, the other British entry, scored a second successive 72, for a total of 221, an admirable recovery from a first round 75 that threatened him with missing the cut.

One distinguished face will be missing at Augusta as a result of events here, the handsome one of Tom Weiskopf. He had to win here to extend his number of successive appearances in the Masters to 16, but his hopes were ruined by a second round of 76. He played well for his 70 yesterday, but 217 left him well out of the running. He has not won a tournament for three years and it begins to seem that, at 37, he is running out of time.

Leading scores: 206: L. Nelson 69, 68, 69. 207: M. Hayes 70, 69, 68. 211: L. Trevino 69, 72, 70. 213: J. Simons 75, 69, 69; D. Pohl 71, 72, 70; F. Fiori 70, 75, 68; N. Faldo (GB) 72, 73, 68; W. Calfee 72, 72, 69.
Other scores included: 215: R. Shearer (Australia) 73, 72, 70; Isao Aoki (Japan) 71, 73, 71; F. Connor (Austria) 73, 73, 71. 219: S. Ballesteros (Spain) 76, 70, 73. 221: P. Oosterhuis (GB) 75, 72, 74.

Tampa, Florida, April 5.—Arnold Palmer reeled off seven birdies in 11 holes for a 68 and a two-stroke lead after three rounds of a $125,000 seniors tournament. Palmer, who is 50 and is playing in his first senior PGA tour event was at nine-under-par 207.

Doug Ford was two strokes behind in second place after a 70.

Rowing



Susan Brown: Afloat on a sea of victorious faces and in the history books.

Cambridge win toss but that is all

By Jim Railton

For Oxford University's coxwain, 22-year-old Susan Brown, Saturday's Boat Race must have felt like a dream. She glided over the course for an impressive win. Her crew leapt off the start with such gusto that the nightmare episode of clashing blades in last year's race just could not happen.

Cambridge won the toss and in a sense lost it. James Palmer, the Cambridge President, seemed reluctant to allow the 1829 gold sovereign to be used. Cambridge had lost the last six calls and no doubt were beginning to feel it had a jinx on them. Anyway, Palmer, no doubt hoping to hold Oxford off the start and later take advantage of the long Surrey bend, chose what is, for the superstitious, the favoured station.

Oxford got Middlesex with its initial advantage and, as they dragged their stake boat at the start, just possibly the best of the tide.

Both crews took 40 strokes in the first minute but within that space of time, Oxford's supremacy was evident. Oxford took Cambridge's water just after Craven Steps with a good length of clear water between them.

By Hammersmith Bridge, Oxford had increased a nine-second lead at the Mile Post by only one second. Here Susan Brown steered wide, seeking the best of the tide. Oxford, always rating higher than their opponents, made a tactical push at Chiswick Eyot to lead by just over four lengths as they passed Chiswick Steps.

They really began to wind up at Barnes Bridge, moving out to six lengths and for good measure added another two in the last three minutes. By the time they reached Mortlake, the Oxford crew were guaranteed a place in history.

Without doubt it is one of the finest crews Oxford have ever produced, arguably the best. Poor Cambridge rowed in a vacuum but, to their credit did not disintegrate as they chased a shadow. Susan Brown made no steering mistakes.

The measure of Oxford's success was their win by 23 seconds—official verdict eight lengths—is the most they have beaten Cambridge by this century (not counting sinkings). It was Oxford's biggest win since 1898, when a verdict of "easy" was recorded. Oxford's time of 18 minutes 11 seconds was remarkably fast with a lazy tide afoot.

Boris Rankov, the Oxford five, became the first don to take part in the Boat Race; the first representative of a women's college, as a junior fellow of St Hugh's (Sue Brown comes from Wadham, a mixed college); and joined the list of eleven oarsmen and coxswains who have won four Boat Races.

Oxford's reserve crew, Isis, also lost the toss; were given Middlesex by Goldie, and in a race of some incidents only took control of the race after Chiswick Steps, to win by 14 seconds or four-and-a-half lengths. There were two warnings in this race and a clash of blades, but Oxford's reserves scored their second successive win in their private battle with Goldie.

TIMES: Mile Post: Oxford 3.54, Cambridge 4.03; Hammersmith Bridge: [illegible]; Chiswick Steps: [illegible] 11.11; Barnes Bridge: 15.09, 15.24; Finish: 18.11, 18.34. Official verdict: eight lengths. Isis beat Goldie by 14 seconds. Official verdict: 4½ lengths in 19min [illegible].

OXFORD: P. J. Head (Hampton and Oriel); N. A. Conington (Hampton and Oriel); R. P. Yonge (UCS and New College); [illegible] Rankov [illegible]; J. L. Bland (King Edward VI, Stafford and Merton); stroke: S. Brown (Taunton and Wadham), cox.

CAMBRIDGE: L. W. J. Baart (Shrewsbury and Caius); M. F. Panter (Kingston GS and Lady Margaret); R. J. Stephens (KCS Wimbledon and Emmanuel); M. J. S. Clark (Shrewsbury and Downing); M. P. Cowie (Cheltenham GS and Fitzwilliam); A. G. Phillips (City of London and Jesus); J. S. Palmer (Eton and Pembroke); A. D. Dalrymple (Eton and Downing), stroke; C. J. Wigglesworth (Bryanston and Jesus), cox.

Cricket

Gatting and England find f last, at Jamaica's expense

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Kingston (Jamaica), April 5

Soon after lunch here today, on the second day of the penultimate match of England's Caribbean tour, Jamaica were 39 for two in reply to England's first innings total of 413. With the ball already turning, and on a pitch not entirely devoid of pace, England must have a fair chance of entering Friday's final Test match with a victory under their belts.

After a good day's cricket yesterday, in which the one disappointment was the failure of Athey, England batted on this morning, adding 79 runs for the loss of Gatting and Emburey. Once one was out, after they had made 33 for the eighth wicket, the other soon followed. Except for an obsession with the sweep, Gatting played pretty well. It was good to see him among the runs again and eventually back in form. Not long before he was caught at the wicket, trying to cut the off spinner, Tucker, he drove Malcolm, bowling slow left arm, for a straight six that would have landed well outside the old ground.

Way back in January, in the first match of the tour, Gatting made 94. His 93 here may win him back his Test place, ahead of Athey. He has had a wretched time of it in the weeks between. Emburey's 34 will have done him no harm, either. A six over extra cover, off Austin's off spin, was a shot to match Gatting's splendid blow off Malcolm.

When Emburey skied Malcolm into the covers and England took the field with two substitutes, Boycott having returned to base with laryngitis and Downton, like his roommate, Miller, being in bed with 'flu, Downton's absence gave Bairstow the chance, with the permission of Lawrence Rowe, Jamaica's captain, to keep wicket.

Jamaica had half an hour's batting before lunch, in which they lost Basil Williams, known more romantically as "Shotgun" for the way he has a go at anything within range. He was firing away off the back foot when well caught at first slip by Gooch, off Botham. Williams scored two hundreds for West Indies in the Packer days, against Australia and India: they must have been fun to watch.

During lunch, as at the other intervals, half a dozen policemen ringed the wicket, as a guard against would-be demonstrators. As

Squash rackets

Kenyon imagination defies Brownlee and seedings

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

Qamar Zaman, champion in 1975 and runner-up to Geoff Hunt for the past three years, will play Jahangir Khan in tomorrow's semi-final round of the British Open championship, sponsored by Audi, at the Churchill Theatre, Bromley. Today and Wednesday are rest days. The final will be played on Thursday. Yesterday afternoon Zaman beat Maqsood Ahmed, 9—6, 4—9, 10—9, 9—6 and Jahangir defeated Haidayat Jahan, 9—4, 9—2, 9—6.

Those first matches justified the seedings, which were notably confounded on Saturday when Philip Kenyon, who was born at Blackpool and lives at Beaconsfield, beat Bruce Brownlee, of New Zealand, by the concincing margin of 9—1, 9—5, 9—7. Kenyon, aged 24, is second in the English rankings and was seeded six places below Brownlee at Bromley.

Kenyon is a versatile and exciting shot-maker and this season there have been indications that he is becoming a more mature and consistent competitor. He gave Jonah Barrington his toughest match in the British national championship last December and on Saturday he dashed into an early lead and firmly maintained his momentum.

Brownlee looked a little edgy and short of confidence. Kenyon had too many shots for him, too much imagination. There was never much doubt that Kenyon would become only the third British player to reach quarter-final round since 1970.

Gawain Briars, the English No 1, had a tougher assignment against Zaman, but maintained such an admirable level of performance that he took the match to five games—and led 2—0 in the last of them. Zaman seems to have difficulty in winning three consecutive games. At his best he was a better player than Briars and in the fifth game his ultimate charge was more than Briars could withstand. But Briars did himself justice on his 23rd birthday.

Yesterday's match between Jahangir and Jahan contained two unusual incidents. The marker deemed it necessary (it obviously was) to ask Jahan to moderate his language. Jahangir served a double fault. This second incident was more rare than the first. There can be no excuse for a double-fault in squash.

The Zaman-Maqsood match also had an extraordinary incident in that one of the two glass panels built into the tin for the convenience of cameramen was cracked. The organizers had two spare panels handy and there were hasty repairs between the afternoon and evening programmes.

This is the third time squash has been played on stage in Britain and must be regarded as the most successful initiative of its kind. There are inherent handicaps—the 'actors" turn their backs on the public and there is also some loss of the game's intimacy and perspective—but squash could not be staged much more slickly or dramatically than it is being staged at Bromley.

RESULTS: Third round. H. Jahan (Pakistan) beat G. Alauddin (Pakistan), 1—9, 10—8, 9—0, 9—1; Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) beat D. Williams (Australia), 9—3, 9—0, 9—0; M. Ahmed (Pakistan) beat D. Khan (Pakistan), 9—5, 9—2, 9—5; Q. Zaman (Pakistan) beat G. Briars (GB), 9—5, 5—9, 9—1, 1—9, 9—2; R. Norman (NZ) beat M. Saad (Egypt), 9—3, 9—2, 9—2; G. Awad (Egypt) beat L. Kvant (Sweden), 9—7, 9—6, 9—2; G. Hunt (Australia) beat S. Bowditch (Australia), 9—5, 9—7, 9—6; P. Kenyon (GB) beat B. Brownlee (NZ), 9—1, 9—5, 9—7. Quarter-final round: Jahangir beat Jahan, 9—4, 9—2, 9—6; Zaman beat Ahmed, 9—6, 4—9, 10—9, 9—6.

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Tennis

Smith and Smid overpowered by McEnoe

John McEnroe, of the United States, the number one seed, beat the unseeded Tomas Smid of Czechoslovaki 6—3, 6—2 to win the World Championship Tennis (WCT) Frankfurt indoor tournament yesterday.

McEnroe, ranked number two in the world, needed only 64 minutes to take the $35,000 first prize. Smid, aged 24, had no answer to the left-handed American's fierce service, pinpoint passing shots and brilliant volleys.

McEnroe, who is 22, had beaten Stan Smith, the 1972 Wimbledon champion, 62, 6—1 in Satiurday's semi-finals. Smid beat Heinz Guenthartdt, of Switzerland to reach the final.

In the doubles final McEnroe and Vitas Gerulaitis lost 5—7, 7—6, 5—7, in 200-minutes by their compatriots, Brian Teacher and Butch Walts.

In Carlsbad, California, Chris Lloyd and Hana Mandlikova, of Czechoslovakia, won their semi-final matches on Saturday in a $100,000 tournament.

Mrs Evert-Lloyd was playing in only her second tournament of the year but seemed to be in top form. She took 90 minutes to beat Pam Shriver, 6—4, 6—3. Mrs Mandlikova, aged 19, eliminated Andrea Jaeger, 6—7, 6—3, 6—4 in a gruelling match. She lost the first set in a 7—2 tiebreaker.—Reuter.

BOISE (Idaho): Avon tournament: A. Kiyomura (US) beat L. Sandin (Sweden) 6—3, 6—1; C. Kohde (WG) beat K. Horvath (US), 4—6, 7—5, beat S. Leo (Australia), 4—6, 6—2, 7—6.

LINZ: Grand Prix tournament: Final: 7—5. Quarter final round: Sandin G. Ocleppo (Italy) beat M. Edmonson (Australia) 7—5, 6—1.

Mitchell is Taylor-made for a successful future

Tony Mitchell and Peter Moore provided a fine finale to the junior championships, sponsored by Saab, at the Gloucester Leisure Centre yesterday. Mitchell won the 16 and under final, 3—6, 6—1, 6—4, and in some marvellous exchanges, nothing was more impressive than the way in which each clung to his service over the first eight games of the final set.

Mitchell, a left-hander from Yorkshire, has received plenty of encouragement over the last few years from another left-handed Yorkshireman, Roger Taylor. Indeed, the watching Mark Cox was quick to point out that Mitchell's chip backhand is identical to that belonging to the former Davis Cup player. Cox was full of admiration, too, for the strength of Mitchell's serve and the way he kept cool in a first set in which Moore's confidence was such that he could do little wrong.

Moore, who is young enough to play in this age group nevt year, pours an enormous amount of effort into his heavy, top-spin play. What particularly appealed to his coach, Derek Bone, was the pace of his shots and the fact that he served no double faults.

Amanda Brown soon took command of her under-16 final against Julie Salmon. Miss Brown had lost one of her round-robin games to a girl some 18 months younger than herself and had come close to letting slip her semi-final match on Saturday night. Yesterday, though, she ebuded confidence where, all too often in the recent past, there has been an air of despondency about her play.

Having won all three of the qualifying tournaments, Richard Whichello confirmed his supremacy among the 14 and under boys by defeating Jason Goodall 6—2, 7—6. Whichello has worked hard this winter on getting into position to deliver his two-handed backhand and some feel he could be picked in a 16 and under internationa lwith no questions asked.

Alison Grant who, on Saturday, played the match of her career in defeating Devon's Joe Louis, was nowhere near her best in the under-14 girl's final. Caroline Bhaguandas, 13 yesterday and the youngest player in the event, middles the ball more consistently than her rivals and has exceptional powers of on-court concentration for one so young.

BOYS: under-14 semi-final round: R. Whichello (Kent) beat I. Mackinlay (Scotland) 6—0, 6—2; J. Goodall (Yorkshire) beat G. Key (Surrey) 6—1, 6—2. Final: Whichello beat Goodall 6—2, 7—6. Under-16 semi-final round: T. Mitchell (Yorkshire) beat M. Bromfield (Kent) 6—2, 6—4; P. Moore (Surrey) beat C. Smith (Buckinghamshire) 7—5, 6—3. Final: Mitchell beat Moore 3—6, 6—1, 6—4.

GIRLS: Under-14 semi-final round: A. Grant (Lincolnshire) beat J. Lous (Devon) 4—6, 6—4, 7—5; C. Bhaguandas (Middlesex) beat C. Gilles (Hampshire) 6—1, 6—3. Final: Miss Bhaguandas beat Miss Grant 6—3, 6—1. Under-16 semi-final round: A. Brown (Norfolk) beat R. Einy (Middlesex) 2—6, 6—4, 6—2; J. Salmon (Sussex) beat S. Walpole (Surrey) 6—4, 6—2. Final: Miss Brown beat Miss Salmon 6—2, 6—3.

FRANKFURT: World Championship Tennis tournament: Singles: Quarter-final round: T. Smid (Czechoslovakia) beat R. Lutz (US), 7—5, 6—4; J. McEnroe (US) beat B. Teacher (US), 6—7, 6—4, 6—3; H. Guenthardt (Switzerland) beat I. Nastase (Romania), 6—4, 7—5; S. Smith (U.S.) beat R. Ramirez (Mexico), 4—6, 6—4, 6—3: Semi-final round: McEnroe beat Smith, 6—3, 6—2: Smid beat Guenthardt, 6—0, 6—4. Final McEnroe beat Smid.

US stars drop out of South African event

Johannesburg, South Africa, April 5.—Fritz Buehning and Tim Gullikson, of the United States, the two top seeds for the South African grand prix, have withdrawn.

Gullikson told the South African promoter, Owen Williams, that he decided to drop out because of the international blacklist drawn up against athletes who have ties with white-minority ruled South Africa, but Buehning apparently withdrew because of injury to his right shoulder.

Mr Williams said that Buehning's manager, Chuck Bennett, wanted it made clear that Buehning "had every intention of ignoring the blacklist threat. He wanted to come to South Africa, but was ruled out because of his injury."

Among the overseas players who will take part is Britain's John Feaver, who was barred recently from playing in Nigeria. Other foreigners due to compete are the Frenchman Bernard Fritz, Wayne Hampson and Chris Johnstone, both of Australia, an American Tony Graham and Finland's Leo Palin.

Mr Williams said that tennis stars generally had adopted a "wait-and-see" attitude.

The Yugoslav Tennis Federation have suspended one of their players who was last month included in the blacklist. The federation have asked Marko Ostoja, at present at an American university, to explain why his name appeared on the list. Another Yugoslav player, Davor Tomazic, included on the list has been living in West Germany for 10 years and is outside the Yugoslav authority.—Agencies.

Real tennis

First man to shed his inhibitions will meet Angus

By Roy McKelvie

Christopher Ronaldson (Hampton Court) and Barry Toates (Boston USA), both professionals, played another long and inconclusive match in their struggle to decide who challenges Howard Angus for the World Championship at Queen's Club yesterday. At the end of another leg lasting two and a half hours, the players are level, each having won four sets with a maximum of five more to play tomorrow (Tuesday).

When Ronaldson won the first two sets by 6—5, 6—4 he gave a little whoop of joy as if at last he was to be released from the anxieties which had beset him throughout the match so far. His pleasure soon turned to anguish. Though he led 4—3 and had points for 5—3 in the third set, it was Toates who won it 6—5 and then the fourth 6—1.

A leading Australian professional described the contests so far as "wet". To those who know how Ronaldson, normally a robust player, can perform, it was often painful to watch. The man who eventually wins will be the one who shows the most courage and adventure. So far both players have played better from behind than in front as if mesmerised by the thought of a crack at the world title.

Toates has been allowed to lower the pace to one that suits him. He strokes the ball gently, uses the court cleverly and serves accurately and tightly. But when challenged by some force as he was when leading 4—1 in the first set and at 4—4 in the second, he wilted.

Boxing

Leonard and Hearns may meet in Autumn

Detroit, April 5.—Thomas Hearns and Sugar Ray Leonard, champions of the competing World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council respectively, have agreed to a long-awaited bout that will decide the welterweight championship of the world, according to the *Detroit Free Press*.

Hearns and Leonard signed contracts on Wednesday in Washington for a bout in the autumn. Under the agreement, Hearns would receive $5m and Leonard would be paid $8m.

Both boxers would also receive 25 per cent of any revenue beyond $21m. The contest is expected to generate more than $30m for the promoter, Shelly Finkel, of New York. The contract also calls for Hearns to appear on the undercard of Leonards' June 25 meeting with the Ugadan Ayube Kalule for the junior middleweight championship.—AP.

SEOUL: Oriental and Pacific middleweight championship: Park Chong-Pal (S Korea) beat Ceaser Sasaki (Japan), sixth round.

TOKYO: WBA bantamweight championship: Jeff Chandler (US) drew with Eijiro Murata (Japan), to retain title.

Cycling

Gornall mixes business with pleasure

By John Wilcockson

Alan Gornall, a 20-year-old Lancastrian, achieved a remarkable victory in yesterday's 109 miles grand prix, sponsored by Pernod, at Beaconsfield. Unlike the majority of the more experienced men he led home, Gornall is a true amateur. He works full time on his father's 300-acre dairy farm at Clitheroe, although his father has let him have eight hours off for training each week this year.

The extra training has certainly paid dividends for this unassuming young man, whose consistently strong riding has taken him to first place in the Pernod Star Trophy after three events. He finished fifth and fourth in the other two.

While there was a smile on Gornall's face, there were looks of rueful disappointment from the runner-up, Peter Longbottom of York, who had been at the front for more than half the race. Longbottom had started the final lap of the ten mile Beaconsfield circuit with Scotsman Sandy Gilchrist, eighteen seconds ahead of nine chasing riders. But they were reeled-back on the difficult Coleshill climb, where Longbottom's team-mate, Bob Downs, made a counter-attack.

The others responded one by one and there were still ten men together as they entered the final five miles. Then, as they snaked down another of the sinuous Chiltern hills, Gornall made his move. Surprisingly, it was Longbottom who went after him and they reached the valley road with ten seconds in hand.

It was just enough to keep the others at bay, although Downs made another lunging counter-attack on the final hill, three miles from home. This time, only Steve Lawrence, the British champion, could respond, but they had left it too late to catch the two leaders.

Coming into the final 300 yards straight, it was Gornall who started the sprint. Longbottom matched this effort and then took the lead. It looked like a win for the York rider, but in the dying yards Gornall summoned-up his remaining strength to cross the line with a yard in hand.

RESULTS: 1. A. Gornall (Clayton Velo), 4hr 32min 12sec; 2. P. Longbottom (Manchester Wheelers), 4:32.12; 3. R. Downs (Manchester Wheelers), 4:32.24; 4. S. Lawrence (Archer R.C.), 4:32.24; 5. N. Hoon (Chesterfield Coureurs), 4:32.51; 6. M. Bell (Port Sunlight Wheelers), 4:32.53. Pernod Star Trophy (after three events): 1. Gornall, 28 pts; 2. Bloor, 21; 3. Downs, 18.

Kuiper hangs on

Meerbeke, April 5.—Hennie Kuiper (Netherlands) ended years of disappointment when he finally won one of cycling's classics, the Tour of Flanders, here today. Kuiper, aged 32, has always lacked sprint power but he finished on his own, more than a minute ahead of Fritz Pirard and Jan Raas, who made it a Dutch treble.

Kuiper and Roger de Vlaeminck (Belgium), colleagues for the Daf-Trucks team, applied pressure on a breakaway group and Kuiper grimly held on to the lead.

Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Play offs: Portland Trail Blazers 124, Kansas City Kings 119 (overtime) (series, 1—1); Los Angeles Lakers 111, Houston Rockets 106 (series, 1—1); Chicago Bulls 115, New York Knicks 114 (overtime) (Chicago win, 2—0).

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Hockey

SOUTH LEAGUE: Final placings: 1, Trojans; 2, Old Williamsonians; 3, Indian Gymkhana; 4, Eastcote; 5, Walton; 6, Marden Russets. Trojans and Old Williamsonians qualify for inter-league championship.
SURREY CUP: Final: Surbiton 1, Spencer 2.
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL: Slough 2, Southgate 1.
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final round: Slough 4, Neston 1; Southgate 5, Olton and West Warwickshire 1.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: R.A.F. 2, Hampstead 1.
EAST LEAGUE: Premier Division: Southend 2, Bentfleet 1, Pelicans 2.
SOUTH LEAGUE: Sonning 0, City of Oxford 2. Middlesex, First division: Staines 2, St Bernards Hospital 0. Kent: First division: Canterbury 4, Thames Polytechnic 1. Berks, Bucks and Oxon: First division: Aldermaston 5, Morris Motors 1.

KUALA LUMPUR: Inter-continental Cup: Group A: Malaysia 1, Soviet Union 1; Japan 6, Zimbabwe 3; Wales 1, Italy 0. Group B: Ireland 5, Singapore 0; New Zealand 1, Belgium 0; France 2, Canada 1.

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	4	3	1	0	13	1	7
Wales	4	3	1	0	7	4	7
Malaysia	3	3	0	0	8	3	6
Zimbabwe	4	1	0	3	5	9	2
Japan	4	0	1	3	5	10	1
Italy	5	0	1	4	4	11	1

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand	4	4	0	0	11	3	8
Belgium	5	3	1	1	8	4	7
Ireland	4	2	1	1	5	6	5
France	4	1	0	3	5	6	2
Canda	4	1	0	3	6	9	2
Singapore	3	0	0	3	3	10	0

NORFOLK CLUB CUP: Final: Norwich Grasshoppers 0, Norfolk Wanderers 3.
EAST COUNTY LEAGUE: Cambridgeshire 2, Hertfordshire 3. (Hertfordshire win league.)
BUENOS AIRES: Women's world cup: semi-final round: Netherlands 7, Soviet Union 3; West Germany 2, Australia 1.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Calgary Flames 6, Vancouver Canucks 3; Edmonton Oilers 7, Winnipeg Jets 2; Toronto Maple Leafs 5, Quebec Nordiques 5; Los Angeles Kings 5, Colorado Rockies 5; Buffalo Sabres 6, Detroit Red Wings 4; Minnesota North Stars 3, St Louis Blues 0; New York Islanders 3, Washington Capitals 1; Boston Bruins 5, Pittsburgh Penguins 2. Friday's results: Montreal Canadiens 6, Hartford Whalers 1; New York Rangers 3, Chicago Bulls 1; Edmonton Oilers 7, Vancouver Canucks 2.
MINSK: European Junior Cup: Soviet Union 17, West Germany 2; Sweden 9, Switzerland 2; Finland 10, Austria 3; Czechoslovakia 21, Poland 0.
SELS (W. Germany): Czechoslovakia beat West Germany 7—1.

Athletics

ROME: World Games for Physically Handicapped: long jump: A. Boldt (Canada) 5.01 metres.

Cross-country

SAN VITTORE OLONA: Five Miles (Ethiopian unless stated): 1, Mohammed Kedir, 29min 46sec; 2, Roberto de Castella (Australia), 29:52; 3, Miruts Yifter, 30:02; 4, Derese Nedi, 30:03; 5, Kebede Balcha, 30:15; 6, Berehnu Girma, 30:16; 7, Eshetu Tura, 30:17; 8, B. Lewry (Australia), 30:21; 9, V. Ortis (Italy), 30:25; 10, S. Austin (Australia), 30:26.

Golf

PALM SPRINGS: 210: C. Hill, 70, 70, 70; 211: J. Blalock, 71, 70, 70; 212: L. Adams, 72, 71, 69; 213: N. Lopez-Melton, 71, 73, 69; J. Rankin, 69, 74, 70; S. Palmer, 70, 72, 71; 214: S. McAllister, 74, 71, 69; A. Alcott, 73, 71, 70; J. Stephenson (Australia), 69, 72, 73; 215: D. Caponi, 74, 70, 71; P. Pulz (Australia), 69, 74, 72; S. Little (SA), 70, 72, 73.
JAKARTA: Indonesian open: 283: P. Stewart (US), 74, 69, 70, 70; Chen Tze Chung (Taiwan), 72, 69, 72, 70; Sukree Onsham (Thailand), 69, 67, 74, 73; Hsu Chi-San (Taiwan), 74, 66, 70, 73 (Stewart won play-off on first extra hole); 284: Mya Aye (Burma), 70, 69, 74, 71; Lu Hsi Chuen (Taiwan), 70, 71, 72, 71; 285: T. Sieckman (US), 71, 75, 70, 69; G. Burrows (US), 72, 66, 72, 75.
TAMPA: 207: A. Palmer, 68, 71, 68; 209: D. Ford, 66, 73, 70; 213: J. C. Goosie, 73, 70, 71; D. January, 71, 70, 72; 214: W. Johnston, 74, 69, 71; M. Souchak, 73, 69, 72; M. Barber, 69, 70, 75; 216: A. Wall, 74, 73, 69; T. Bolt, 72, 73, 71; G. Littler, 74, 70, 72; W. Maxwell, 72, 71, 73; 217: J. Fleck, 75, 71, 71.

Motor rallying

PORTO CERVO (Sardinia): Costa Smeralda: Final placings: 1, Allen-Kiwimaki (Fin), Fiat 131 Abarth, 4hr 14min 38sec; 2, Airikkala-Vertanen (Fin), Ford Escort RS at 5.07; 3, Vudafieri-Bernacchin (Italy), Fiat 131 Abarth, at 7.08.

Cycling

MEERBEKE: Tour of Flanders: 1, H. Kuiper (Netherlands), 6hr 32min 37sec; 2, F. Pirard (Netherlands), 1:05mins behind; 3, J. Raas (Netherlands), 1.06; 4, J. Bossis (France); 5, J.-L. Vandenbroucke (Belgium); 6, R. de Vlaeminck (Belgium), at 1min 55sec.

Motorcycling

IMOLA: Imola race (100 miles): 1, W. Cooley (US) Suzuki, 1hr 06min 36.90sec; 2, R. Pitri (US), Honda, 1:43.25; 3, G. Pelletier (Italy), BMC Suzuki, 1:08:19.89.

Rackets

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP: First round: J. A. N. Prenn beat N. Smith (Harrow), 15—1, 15—3, 15—9; S. Tulley (Charterhouse) beat M. J. L. Paul, 15—4, 1—15, 15—6, 16—17, 15—0; G. Hyland (New York) beat D. C. Johnson (Queen's Club), 15—5, 15—0, 15—8; A. C. Lovell beat R. Bonsor 15—5, 15—4, 15—5; S. Hazell (Wellington) beat P. L. Dawes (Seacourt), 15—6, 15—6, 15—2; N. A. R. Cripps (Eton) beat P. C. Brewer, 15—1, 15—3, 15—3; C. B. Hull (Tonbridge) beat G. J. Barrett, 15—8, 15—5, 15—4; T. M. Brudenell beat R. J. Crosby (Harrow), 15—5, 13—17, 16—15, 18—15, 15—12; T. S. Whatley (Clifton) beat G. P. D. Milne, 16—13, 15—5, 15—5.

Rifle shooting

BISLEY: Match 1: 1, Royal Navy, 1,151 (out of 1,200); 2, City RC, 1,122; 3, Kent, 1,115. Match 2: 1, Surrey, 960 (out of 1,000); 2, Stock Exchange, 904. Match 3: 1, London and Middlesex, 688 (out of 800); 2, Essex, 675; 3, Bedfordians, 571.

Snooker

WORLD PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying section: A. Knowles (Bolton) beat J. Wych (Canada), 9—3 (109—4, 72—40, 68—37, 70—8, 71—59, 58—38, 26—69, 67—57, 103—8, 21—59, 62—60, 93—32); T. Meo (London) beat M. Hallett (Grimsby), 9—4 (76—19, 32—73, 53—72, 54—44, 81—13, 64—65, 82—34, 66—65, 74—30, 51—71, 58—25, 0—84, 82—32).

Swimming

AUSTIN: 100 metres freestyle: R. Gaines, 49.36sec (world record). 100 metres butterfly: W. Paulus, 53.81sec (world record).

Show jumping

Goteborg: European final: 1, H. Simon (Austria), Gladstone 36.4sec, 0 pts; 2, G. Bertrand de Balanda (France), Galoubet A Melasan 38.3; 3, F. Sloothak (WG), Arannaui, 37.3.4; 4, R. Ehrens (The Netherlands), Koh-I-Noor, 39.4.8; 5, P. Darragh (Ireland), Carroll's Young Diamond, 41.1.12; 6, E. Wauters (Belgium), U. Rossantico, 1min 32.5 sec (combined time for two rounds), 4, 10, D. Broome (GB), Queensway's Philco 1:44.2.4; 13, C. Bradley (GB), Manuel, 1:50.0, 3; 13, N. Skelton (GB), If Ever, 1:51.1, 4; 17, H. Smith (GB), Sanyo Super Cell, 1:57.8, 12. Final standings (after 11 events): 1, de Balanda, 98 pts; 2, T. Fruehmann (Austria), 76 pts; 3, F. Cottier (France) and Bradley, 66 pts; 5, Sloothak, 62 pts; 6, Broome, 60 pts. Other British placings: 7, J. Whitaker (GB), 55 pts; 12, D. Ricketts (GB), 48 pts; 13, Skelton, 46 pts.

Boxing

DUNKIRK: Light-welterweight: Jo Kimpuani (Zaire) knocked out Fred Goldstone (US), third round.
BUENOS AIRES: WBA junior featherweight championship: Sergio Palma (Argentina) beat Leo Cruz (Dominican Republic), pts.

Fencing

B.U.S.F. CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men's epee: 1, J. Rhoades (Cambridge); 2, A. Brannon (Kent); 3, G. Liston (Edinburgh). Men's Foil: 1, C. Ward (London); 2, D. McKenzie (Edinburgh); 3, R. Pearson (Leeds). Men's Sabre: 1, D. MacKenzie (Edinburgh); 2, M. Hall (London); 3, M. Hunt (London). Men's Team: 1, Edinburgh; 2, London; 3, Cambridge. Women's Foil: 1, S. McIntosh (Cambridge); 2, D. Hall (Leicester); 3, A. Sweeney (Aberystwyth). Women's Team: 1, Loughborough; 2, Cambridge; 3, Leicester.

Tennis

BIRMINGHAM: Inter-county hard court championships: Men's final: Essex 9, Derbyshire 3. Results (Essex names first): R. Drysdale lost to A. Jarrett, 2—6, 2—6; K. Harris beat A. Broomhead, 6—1, 6—8, 10—8; N. Rayner lost to N. Fulwood, 6—7, 4—6; J. Marnock beat N. Beedham, 6—2, 6—2; I. Currie beat D. Archer, 12—10, 6—4; D. Felgate beat P. Priest, 6—4, 1—6, 6—4; Harris lost to Jarrett, 3—6, 0—6; Drysdale beat Broomhead, 6—3, 6—1; Marnock beat Fulwood, 7—5, 6—1, 6—1; Rayner beat Beedham, 4—6, 6—3, 6—1; Felgate beat Archer, 7—5, 7—5; Currie beat Priest, 6—2, 6—1. Women's final: Yorkshire 5, Devon 4. Results (Yorkshire names first): Miss L. Robinson lost to Mrs J. Howe, 0—6, 0—2, retired; Mis C. Berry beat Miss C. Molesworth, 6—2, 6—4; Miss J. Smedley lost to Miss S. Gomer, 2—6, 1—6; Miss S. Smedley lost to Miss F. Moffit, 2—6, 1—6; Miss B. Lockwood beat Mrs J. Stone, 7—6, 6—3; Miss J. Sculthorpe beat Miss S. Pullen, 5—7, 6—0, 6—1; Miss Robinson and Miss Sculthorpe lost to Miss Molesworth and Mrs Howe, 1—6, 1—1, retired; Miss Berry and Miss Lockwood beat Miss Moffit and Miss Pullen, 6—1, 6—1; Miss Smedley and Miss Smedley beat Miss Gomer and Mrs Stone, 1—6, 7—6, 9—7.

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle 16, Old Waconians 10, Mellor 19, Sale 7; Old Hulmeians 14, Old Stopfordians 12; Sheffield University 11, South Manchester and Wythenshawe 13.
STOCKPORT CUP: Final: Cheadle 'B' 7, Mellor B 5.
SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Lee 24, Croydon 4; St. Helier 5, Hillcroft 12.

Show jumping

Bourke's Sunday best puts Friday's victors in arrears

By Pamela Nacgregor-Morris

Kevin Bourke, one of the three Australia riders who have qualified for the World Cup finals at Birmingham later this month, won the Grand Prix sponsored by Acrilan Carpets at the Wales and West show at Mount Ballan Manor, near Chepstow, yesterday. Riding Tooriallady, Bourke beat Marion Mold on Nice and Easy and Graham Fletcher on Buttevant Boy, who had shared the spoils with identical times in Friday's big competition.

Fourteen horses went clear initially over a testing course designed by Jon Doney, and James Kernan from Northern Ireland with Condy, jumping off at number three, made the early running with one mistake in a fast 36.6 seconds. Then Guy Crieghton of Australia, another of the World Cup contingent, pulled off the first clear round on Mikniel. His time of 39.5 seconds was then lowered to 36.9 by Fletcher on Buttevant Boy, but Bourke put Australia in front again when Tooriallady went round in 35.6. Nice and Easy finished .2 seconds faster. Buttevant Boy pushed back to third place finally.

Michael Mac, the reigning junior European Champion filled the first two places in the young riders' competitoin winning on the Massarellas' old horse, Arksey, and taking second place on Fletcher's old partner, Tawna Dora, fith Jimes Sargeant third on the New Zealand bred Ladies' Man. In Saturday's main event, the Harris Carpets' A and B, Simon Trent on Hoppalight, won from Fletcher's Buttevant Boy and Cool Customer.

Hugo Simon won the final World Cup qualifier in Luxembourg on Saturday night from Bertrand de Balanda of France. Balanda now leads the European table with 98 points, from Thomas Fruhman of Switzerland with 76. Caroline Bradley, the best-placed British rider, is equal third on 66 points with Frederic Cottier of France.

RESULTS: Acrylan Carpets GR and Prix: 1, L. K. Bourke's Tooriallady; 2, Mrs D. Mold's Nice and Easy; 3, G. Fletcher's Buttevant Boy. Speed event: 1, G. Glazzard's Inn Ghia and Silver Heron; 3, Miss M. Broome's Harris Home Care. Open Competition: 1, R. Fernyhough's Sea Brief; 2, Miss A. Fawdry's Super Apple; 3, Miss S. Harris's Free Thinker.

Lotus tribunal

Paris, April 5.—An International Automobile Federation tribunal meets here on April 23 to decide whether the Lotus 88 is legal. Eligibility of the twin-chassis car for the April 12 Argentine Grand Prix will be decided by local scrutineers.—Associated Press.

Water polo

STOCKHOLM: Greece 9, France 8; Soviet Union 9, Sweden 8; West Germany 10, Yugoslavia 10.

Two meet Waterloo

Two players were sent off in Waterloo's home Rugby Union game with St Helens on Saturday. The dismissed players, both from St Helens, were the lock, Mike O'Hare, and the scrum half, Alan Hughes, dismissed within three minutes of each other midway in the second half for high tackling and striking an opponent. Waterloo won 21-7.

Football

The Dutch windmill fights on with three sails

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Recalling the time when Arsenal were challenging for the League and FA Cup double in 1971, Frank McLintock said no one dared mention strain in case it planted the seed of doubt. Ten years later Ipswich Town face the same challenge and, having allowed the seed to be sown, are in danger of being overrun. Aston Villa, with four of their *remaining six matches at home and no* other competition to detain them, are favoured to win the championship for the first time since 1910.

The situation in 1971 bore some resemblance to today's in that, like Ipswich, Leeds United had appeared to be best equipped but to some extent were foiled by influences beyond their control. The exertions of playing in Mexico during the previous summer's World Cup had a lasting effect on some players and injuries to Bremner and Gray allowed Arsenal to go ahead with that solid, *unspectacular football that* has remained with them over the decade.

Villa, *hardly* the most flamboyant team of recent years, have the persistence of that Arsenal team but may yet have to wait until their last match, ironically at Highbury on May 2, or even longer, before knowing whether *it has been rewarded.* Matches against West Bromwich Albion *on Wednesday* and Ipswich on April 14 could still bring disappointment.

The balance was given a revealing nudge on Saturday when Ipswich were without Thijssen and Mariner at West *Bromwich and* were *like a windmill* with three sails, losing 3—1 while Aston Villa were winning 4—2 at Leicester to take the lead for the first time since January 10. That left Leicester firmly among the relegation nominees despite a spirited fightback in the last few weeks.

As Brighton lost and Norwich City won, the three clubs above the now doomed Crystal Palace are in line *abreast and hoping* that *Coventry City* will fall far enough to save one of them. Coventry's 3—0 defeat at Leeds *was disturbing* for that progressive club.

Ipswich's disconsolate performance at the Hawthorns was not seen by the *manager*, Bobby Robson, who chose to watch his team's next opponents, Cologne, who play at Portman Road on *Wednesday in the Uefa Cup*. Cologne's "spy" at West Bromwich was said to have revealed himself by chuckling all *through the second half.*

If Mr Robson was encouraged into thinking that Woodcock, the England forward now *trying somewhat unsuccessfully* to score goals in the German league, would be unable to play on *Wednesday after being sent off, his hopes were soon dashed. Woodcock's* eight-week suspension will not cover the Uefa Cup games. Cologne drew 1—1 *in Karlsruhe but Liverpool's opponents* in the European Cup, Bayern Munich, were more impressive, beating Bochum 3—1 away from home. Two goals by Hoeness helped place Bayern two points behind the Bundesliga leaders, Hamburg.

Ipswich could have to play at least 12 more matches if they reach the FA Cup and Uefa cup finals but Wednesday's game is crucial to their hopes on all fronts. Their response to a European test after three recent League defeats could also determine their future *in the FA Cup, which comes in the* form of a semi-final clash with Manchester City next Saturday, and the *championship.*

Their reliance on the Dutchmen has been exposed but they hope that *Thijssen will play against Cologne*, and Mariner is confident of recovering from a heel injury.

There never having been serious doubt that West Ham United were too good for the second division and Crystal *Palace too insubstantial for the first*, it was only a matter of time and mathematics before both could make plans *for next season. West Ham confirmed* their promotion by beating the bottom club, Bristol Rovers, 2—0, but the *potential fellow travellers into the first* division include half of the second division as far into midstream as Cambridge.

The fourth division has resolved two of its promotion places with Lincoln City joining Southend United in next season's *third*, which on *Saturday saw* Rotherham United replace Charlton Athletic at the top. Charlton's 2—1 defeat by the third-placed club, Huddersfield Town, was their first at the Valley since September.

The remaining fixtures for clubs involved in the first division championship and relegation battles are:

Aston Villa: West Bromwich Albion (h), Ipswich Town (h), Nottingham Forest (h), Stoke City (a), Middlesbrough (h), Arsenal (a).

Ipswich Town: Aston Villa (a), Arsenal (h), Norwich City (a), Manchester City (h), *Middlesbrough* (a), Southampton (h).

West Bromwich Albion: Aston Villa (a), Manchester United (a), Sunderland (h), Leeds United (a), Tottenham Hotspur (h).

Coventry City: Manchester United (h), Stoke City (h), Middlesbrough (a), Southampton (h), Nottingham Forest (a).

Brighton: Middlesbrough (a), Crystal Palace (a), Leicester City (h), Sunderland (a), Leeds United (h).

Norwich City: Everton (a), Tottenham Hotspur (a), Ipswich Town (h), Manchester United (a), Leicester City (h).

Leicester City: Southampton (h), Brighton (a), Birmingham City (h), Norwich City (a).

Villa a head in front on the home straight

By Clive White
Leicester C 2 Aston Villa 4

The Football League championship, on its way down from Liverpool, took a sharp left turn at Leicester on Saturday. A combination of results probably made it the turning point in this season's obstacle course. Like Aintree, Filbert Street was the scene of a champion performance.

When Aston Villa sprinted away at the start of the season *few* thought they would last the distance, either because of lack of stamina *or insufficient experience* to weather the bad times. Well, 35 games later they are still full *of running* and on Saturday Withe returned from a two-match suspension, put his old head together with those of Mortimer and Rimmer (not to mention a couple of crosses) and helped Villa over one of the more difficult hurdles between here and the winning post.

Withe, with his head for dizzy heights, was needed by Villa after they had fallen at Tottenham and only survived against Southampton after a remount. Here again they were in trouble after 15 minutes, conceding a penalty when McNaught brought Young down *with an ill-timed lunge.* Lynex directed Rimmer one way, the ball the other. A running commentary behind Rimmer's goal on the state of affairs at the Hawthorns did not help: "It's bad enough trying to deal with what's in front of me *without worrying about something* that I can't help", Rimmer explained afterwards.

Leicester's need was just as great as Villa's even if their ambition was only a few inches high in comparison. They overpowered Villa in midfield and bombarded them in defence, but in attack . . . well, they forgot about them. When Cowans's free kick sailed quietly over Withe scored with outrageous ease; a nod's as good as a wink to a blind defence. They obviously lost sight of Bremner, too, when he scampered through to score with a sweet *shot.*

Villa's own transgressions in defence made it a match of marvellous mayhem. It had a nationalistic feel with the tartan flavour of Leicester and the heavily weighted English ingredients of Villa. Armchair supporters, *locked into their* world of video and second-hand news, do not realize what a feast of emotion they are missing outdoors.

Seconds before half-time an unsteady equilibrium was restored when Cowans, insistent on always playing his way out of trouble, dropped himself and Rimmer in *it with a piece of nonsense* near the goal line and Lynex nipped in to profit. The occasion called for the boot of an oaf rather than the tender, but wayward, touch of Cowans.

The numerous options Villa's strength and exuberance create meant that they were frequently able to bypass the unhappy Cowans *in the second half* as they went in search of that title. Another fine leaping header by Withe against a grounded air force and a right-footed drive by Morley which beat the defence with ominous ease sent the see-saw crashing down on Villa's side. Withe has now equalled the 16 goals he scored for Nottingham *Forest when they won the championship* three years ago.

Though Young, Leicester's Scottish No 9, continued regularly to beat the Villa defence vertically and that included sometimes the outstretched fist of Rimmer, and horizontally, too, occasionally, the rest of his forwards were not equal to his example. If Leicester *fail to stay up, and unfortunately* the naivety of their defence makes that likely, Young could find more accommodating partners elsewhere next season.

LEICESTER CITY: M. Wallington; T. Williams, P. Friar, P. Byrne, L. May, G. Scott, S. Lynex, J. Melrose, A. Young, I. Wilson, N. Grewcock.

ASTON VILLA: J. Rimmer; K. Swain, G. Williams, A. Evans, K. McNaught, D. Mortimer, D. Bremner, G. Shaw, P. Withe, G. Cowans, A. Morley.

Referee: T. L. Morris (Leeds).

Badminton

Come back Mrs Gilks – all must be forgiven

By Richard Streeton

Some *disturbing weaknesses* in England's team as Denmark were beaten 5—4 in the Uber Cup at *Redbridge* on Saturday tended to be overlooked afterwards amid the elation that England had reached the inter-zone finals for the fifth time. The set scores as Denmark fought back from their overnight 3—1 deficit emphasize how badly England need reinforcing against the Indonesian women, their likely first opponents on *May 26 in Japan.*

With efforts still in progress for a settlement between Gillian Gilks and the badminton *authorities*, the England selectors laid themselves open to a charge of *acting with unseemly* haste on Saturday evening when they announced the England party to travel to Japan. It will comprise the six chosen for the Denmark tie, with the addition of Karen Chapman, who might presumably yet form the second doubles pairing with Sally Leadbeater.

Helen Troke, a 16-year-old Southampton *schoolgirl*, is again included to gain experience of the big *occasion*. Whether she *is able to travel depends on her* headmaster agreeing that her "O" levels should be deferred six months until Christmas.

For the dispassionate onlooker it was once again the exclusion of Mrs Gilks which occupied the mind. If the strongest possible England team is to be played, England quite definitely need to *pick Mrs Gilks*, the national champion, in the singles and they also need Mrs Gilks and Paula Kilvington, the all England runners-up, in the doubles. *England's chances* in four rubbers would be improved by Mrs Gilks's *presence* and to *think otherwise* after Saturday's match is certainly to ignore current form.

Inevitably the long-running Gilks affair has reached the stage where it has clouded the outlook of those closest to it. The selectors by announcing England's team immediately sought to end all speculation. They also wanted to be loyal to those who have carried England through the competition's early stages. These are valid and worthy reasons, but they possibly *stem* from the heart, rather than the mind, now that rapprochement is in the air.

Mrs Gilks yesterday for the first time confirmed that she would play *in Japan* if chosen, with or without her coach, if he was unable to find a sponsor to pay his fare. An England official agreed they had no objection if Mrs Gilks's coach did travel.

These are important steps forward. It is, *arguably*, the *most* tedious serial in sport, but there is no question that England's *chances in Japan* would be immeasurably strengthened if it could finally be resolved inside the next few weeks.

RESULTS: (England names first): Miss J. Webster beat Miss K. Larsen, 11—5, 11—0; Miss S. Leadbeater lost to Miss L. Koppen, 0—11, 1—11; Miss K. *Bridge lost to* Miss B. Sorensen, 1—11, 11—9, 3—11; Miss Webster and Mrs N. Perry beat Miss D. Kjaer and Miss N. Nielsen, 15—7, 15—6; Miss Bridge and Mrs B. Sutton *lost to* Miss *Koppen* and Mrs A. Skovgard, 1—15, 15—8, 2—15.

City heart beats more slowly than it used to

By Vince Wright
Norwich 2 Manchester City 0

Manchester City remind me of a man who has to pause for breath after climbing a flight of stairs in *record time. The extraordinary revival* which followed John Bond's appointment as manager in October has ground to a halt, and City now look no better than most of the teams that make up a mediocre First Division.

In the past week, City have played three sides threatened by relegation, and have failed to beat any of them. The point will not be lost on Mr Bond, who will expect a big improvement for City's forthcoming FA Cup semi-final tie against Ipswich Town. Mr Bond, though, should not take Saturday's defeat against his old club too *much to heart*, because Norwich City belied their lowly League placing with fluent, combative football.

Norwich, keen to avenge a 6—0 humiliation at Maine Road in the FA Cup fourth round, rolled up *their sleeves* and got *stuck in from* the start. City were shaken out of their leisurely stride, and had still not found a *rhythm* when the final whistle blew. Events elsewhere also went Norwich's way. Three of the other four clubs involved in the relegation dogfight lost. However, the issue will probably not be resolved until the last Saturday of *the season, when Norwich are* at home to Leicester City, the club they have just overtaken.

An escape at one end and a gift goal at the other in the thirteenth minute helped to calm Norwich's early nerves. The escape came when Watson nearly diverted Bennett's snapshot into his own net. Almost immediately a howler by Corrigan gave Norwich the lead. He allowed Barham's bludgeoning drive from Paddon's square pass to squirm from his grasp and roll behind him. McGuire followed up to score.

City were rattled by their failure to mount a dangerous attack, and tempers became frayed. Hutchison was spoken to for clattering into Royle and Reid was booked for *scything down Fashanu. A contentious* penalty on the half-hour put the match beyond City's reach. Hutchison was ruled to have fouled the persistent Barham, and McDowell put his kick wide of Corrigan's right hand. Norwich would have been three ahead by half-time if Fashanu had not missed the kind of chance he usually accepts.

Reeves, formerly a great favourite at Carrow Road, found Walford and Watson, an impenetrable barrier as Norwich stayed in control. The midfield accolades went to Norwich, too, with Barham outstanding and O'Neill looking a good buy. These two emphasized the value of that now despised word—work-rate.

NORWICH CITY: C. Woods; J. McDowell, G. Downs, N. McGuire, S. Walford, D. Watson, M. O'Neill (sub: D. Bennett), J. Fashanu, J. Royle, G. Paddon, M. Barham.

MANCHESTER CITY: J. Corrigan; R. Ranson, R. McDonald, N. Reid, P. Power, T. Booth, D. Bennett, A. Henry, S. Mackenzie, T. Hutchinson, K. Reeves.

Referee: R. Lewis (Surrey).

Ipswich's resolution in a tangle

By Norman Fox
WBA 3 Ipswich Town 1

A knot of important matches tied painfully tight could leave the foremost team of the season outrageously ill rewarded. Ipswich *Town have lost three games in* a fortnight and on Saturday at The Hawthorns, deprived of Thijssen and Mariner, they also appeared to lose their resolve. West Bromwich Albion, still nurturing quiet hopes of capitalizing on the *struggle going on over their heads*, did not have to play startling football to win.

Albion still have a say in the championship, not so much on their own behalf as in the chances of their Birmingham neighbours, *Aston Villa, whom they visit on* Wednesday. All that Ipswich can hope is that Albion take control as quickly and forcefully in that game as they did on Saturday when they led after nine minutes and, in the second half, successfully channelled their attacks through the audacious wingmanship of Barnes.

While *the full backs, Steggles* and McCall, were put under considerable pressure, the more vaunted central defenders, Butcher and Osman, left doubts that they were ready to transfer their partnership to the England team. *Not that they had much protection* from midfield, in which Mills and Muhren could not match the output of Robson, who again confirmed his value as a ball winner, distributor and organizer.

Robson prompted Albion's attacks from the beginning offering Regis a clear chance as early as the fourth minute. Regis was *not at his most confident and* missed. Briefly, Ipswich made a show in attack but Brazil had to take too much responsibility. Perhaps he was unlucky to be brought down by Batson when he seemed likely to score, but generally *Albion dealt with him fairly well.* Wile and Robertson, seasoned defenders, are still among the most sensible in the business.

Swain, of Aston Villa, and Batson are surely the best English right backs at this time of England's *need and here Batson also* showed an appetite for scoring, albeit his first goal in 115 games. His energy partly accounted for Albion's first goal as well. He worked hard at the start of the move and helped cause the confusion that allowed Robson's touch to be turned into a shot from which Brown scored while Ipswich *tried to cover their mistakes.*

Brazil was given some reward for a courageous display when turning in Muhren's centre one minute after Albion had scored but Batson's goal a minute from half-time was perfectly timed to extract the bite from Ipswich's recovery. Owen, always active, seemed to have asked too much of Barnes when playing the ball out to the wing apparently too close to Steggles. Barnes cleverly screwed it back to the near post after Steggles almost took control, and Batson finished his long run *in support of the attack by heading in.*

Had Gates been more fortunate with a shot that struck Godden possibly Ipswich would have saved a point. The chance was dismissed when Barnes ran in from the right wing and saw his hopeful shot become unstoppable when deflected by Butcher. For the last half hour Ipswich did little to justify the view of their coach, Bobby Ferguson, who said confidence was still "sky high" but gave credence to the remark of the Albion manager, Ron Atkinson: "I've a feeling Aston Villa are going to sneak it. It's not my business but I got the impression *Ipswich were feeling sorry* for themselves."

WEST BROMWICH ALBION: A. Godden; B. Batson, D. Statham, R. Moses, J. Wile, A. Robertson, *B. Robson*, A. Brown, C. Regis, G. Owen, P. Barnes.

IPSWICH TOWN: P. Cooper; K. Steggles (sub T. Parkin), S. McCall, M. Mills, R. Osman, T. Butcher, J. Wark, A. Muhren, K. O'Callaghan, A. Brazil, E. Gates.

Ref: N. Midgley (Salford).

Batson: England could make good use of his form.

Hockey

The game that drops half a pint raises few cheers

By Sydney Friskin
Slough 2 Southgate 1

Slough achieved a remarkable record by retaining the national club championship, *sponsored* by Rank Xerox, at Guildford yesterday. It was their third triumph in a row, and the fourth in five successive finals, the sequence having begun in 1977. Their one defeat was by Guildford in the 1978 final.

Yesterday's game, watched by about 600 people, was not a spectacle, as it seldom is when it involves *the two best clubs in* the country who know each other's play so well. It was rather ill spirited and full of interruptions. The perils of watching it were proved by injuries to two spectators on the touchline, one receiving a *hit* on the knee from the ball, the other in the face, losing half a pint *of* beer in the process. The score was 1—1 at half-time.

Southgate looked faster, perhaps a little fitter, but theirs was a sorry tale of lost opportunity. At this level of play a team cannot miss penalty strokes and still hope to survive. Of these awards, Southgate had three, the first of which was converted, the second being saved by Taylor and the third cast adrift.

All this happened after Slough had taken the lead in the fifth minute. The first penalty stroke was awarded against Taylor who, after having saved from Imtiaz, lost his balance and fell on the *ball. The second, also in the first* half, was awarded against Flora for holding down the stick of Imtiaz, who was attempting to score on the follow-up.

The third penalty stroke, which came early in the second half, appeared at first to be the result of a tackle by Churcher on Imtiaz in the middle of the circle. The umpire's view, however, was that he had penalized Taylor for handling the ball. Slough did not take too kindly to the decision, but fortunately for them Wallace, in trying to place the ball beyond Taylor's reach, just missed the mark.

Slough did not use their skills. *They were seldom allowed* to because of Southgate's tight marking and covering. Driver in the middle and Duthie at the back were the main spoilers. It was only in the thirtieth minute of the second half that Slough's earlier *staccato movements gave* way to their familiar flowing rhythm which brought them the winning goal.

Slough's fifth-minute lead was obtained by Churcher, who converted a short corner after Laly had been obstructed by Duthie. Southgate's equalizer was scored from the first penalty stroke taken by *Wallace* in the twenty-second minute. Six minutes later Southgate could have been 2—1 up if Taylor had not saved the second penalty stroke which was awarded after two successive short corners.

Not until the twentieth minute of the second half did one catch a glimpse of the brilliance of Dak on Slough's left wing. On *this occasion he was checked by* Driver. But five minutes before the end a clever move, initiated by Khehar and helped along by Laly, sent Dak through to score a brilliant match-winner, Owen having come out of his goal with *no hope of saving.*

SLOUGH: I. C. S. Taylor; P. J. Barbor, M. S. Flora, A. Churcher, J. Allen, S. S. Khehar, B. David, K. Partington, R. Laly, B. S. Saini, K. Dak.

SOUTHGATE: D. J. Owen; J. I. Duthie, M. Spray, D. Craig, A. J. Wallace, S. Kerly, J. Driver, A. K. McGinn, R. H. Brookeman, S. Imtiaz, S. Batchelor.

Umpires: C. McL. Todd (Northern Counties) and B. Humphrey (Eastern Counties).

Years have taken nothing away from Bremner

By Nicholas Harling
Wimbledon 1 Doncaster Rovers 0

It was almost as if he had never been away. Cajoling, directing, passing, intercepting and tackling with the same intensity that once served Leeds and Scotland so well, Billy Bremner, now the manager of Doncaster Rovers, seems to have lost nothing over *the* years.

Only during the pre-match lunch at his team's hotel where he borrowed a ball-point and paper from a local journalist to calculate what players had been spared from injury, did Bremner decide to play only his second full game for Doncaster. It was a match they badly needed to win, but in the event they *lost to a Wimbledon* side that leapfrogged over them into third place in the fourth *division*, although that *was* hardly his fault.

Of course he had to put up with the taunts from Wimbledon's second largest crowd of the season. "Gives up Bremner, you can hardly stand up", shouted one objector. *Bremner did far more* than stand up, however.

Occupying the unfamiliar position of sweeper he still looked the best player on the pitch. Although there were times when he almost seemed to be crying out for Giles, Bremner pushed so many accurate passes forward in the second half that Doncaster looked twice the *team they were in the early* minutes when either of Wimbledon's central defenders could have scored from close in.

There was the rare sight later of Bremner acting as peacemaker when his defender Ian Snodin had an altercation with Downes, the Wimbledon left winger. Fouled a minute later by Ketteridge, Bremner gave *his assailant* not *a left* hook nor a cursory glare but just an admonitory pat on the head.

On the half hour Wimbledon went ahead, the move up to the goal epitomising not just this fourth division game but perhaps every other. From a long, diagonal hopeful cross from the left by Hodges, Smith flicked the ball across goal for Cork *to head his* 26th goal of the season.

An aggravated groin strain cost Doncaster the services of their leading scorer, Nimmo after the interval but Dawson, a surprising omission in the first place, came on to be involved in most of his side's near things. His partner, the much travelled Warboys, *started the match by dumping* the Wimbledon left back, Armstrong, unceremoniously on the cinders and finishing with a foul on Goddard that earned him a caution. Like Bremner he still looks pretty useful when he keeps things legitimate.

As for Bremner, his hair may be now more grey than red but discretion will for him never be the better part of valour. He came off the field arguing with the referee and a linesman to show that the old fiery temperament was still lurking just beneath the surface.

WIMBLEDON: R. Goddard; P. Brown, G. Armstrong, P. Donny, M. Smith, T. Cunningham, S. Ketteridge, G. Hodges, J. Leslie, A. Cork, W. Downes.

DONCASTER: W. Boyd; W. Russell, W. Bremner, I. Snodin, C. Swan, S. Lister, D. Pugh, I. Nimmo (sub. R. Dawson), G. Snodin, D. Harle.

Currie gets into the juggling act

By Paul Harrison
Queen's Park Rangers 1 Grimsby 0

The last time I visited Loftus Road, some home fans had developed to a fine art the nasty habit of spitting on visitors' heads from vantage points on the terracing. That was some years ago and things seem more civilized there these days — leastways nobody spat on my head as I made *my way up to the press box.*

Plenty of passion was generated on the field, however, by two teams struggling to keep hopes of promotion alive. Rangers, particularly in the first half, were worthy of their points. They began *brightly*, *Francis, Waddock* and Sealy could easily have scored in the first 20 minutes. Their dominance was founded in midfield: Francis, [illegible] jury, Francis was a good foil for Waddock, whose red head was everywhere, competed; and Currie, who strolled where others hustled and still did twice as much with the ball.

It still took Rangers most of *the half to make their superiority* count: Silkman was brought down by Stone inside the penalty area and for Francis the 42nd-minute penalty was a mere formality. "Going to be a cracker now, isn't it," said a home fan, more in hope than certainty, I suspect.

But his team could never assume quite the same control after *half-time*, *allowing Grimsby* the possibility of salvaging a point. Their efforts were honest, if not exactly inspiring, and in midfield they never came to terms. Grimsby's Mitchell was booked for a retributive tussle with Waddock; *Cumming for a* foul on Currie. Shanks was the QPR offender, for shoving Drinkell.

Any enduring memories will be of Currie's skills. A curling, savage crossfield pass was altogether too much for Gillard, hitting his outstretched leg and going out of play. The crowd booed Currie. Then there was Currie, tight to the touchline, juggling the *ball before sliding* a *pass* with a dismissive gesture. Just like Adrian Walsh.

Adrian Walsh? He provided the interval entertainment, as the world ball-juggling champion. His record is 25,495 times without *stopping*. *Try that* in the second division.

Afterwards, it was the George and Terry show. George Kerr, the Grimsby manager and Terry Venables, his QPR counterpart. The dialogue went along these lines:

Kerr (of Waddock): "Best player on the field, Ginger, and *I don't even know his name.*"

Venables: "He speaks very highly of you. He calls you Baldy."

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: [illegible]

GRIMSBY TOWN: [illegible]

Quick Fox ruins County's day

Notts County 1 Wrexham 1

A crowd of 10,959, almost 2,000 above their average, watched Notts County's first Sunday game since the 1974 power crisis.

A goal from *Steve Fox* spoiled County's day when it looked as though they would go five points clear *of their nearest rivals.* Fox pounced on a loose ball and his shot struck Don Masson and looped over Raddy Avramovic for the equalizer.

David Hunt had put County ahead after 28 minutes with his first goal since October 4. Masson chipped a centre into the goalmouth and Hunt backheaded over Dai Davies.

VALLETTA: World Cup qualifying group [illegible]: Malta 1, East Germany 2.

Combined team takes time to settle

By Joyce Whitehead

Combined Services lost 7—2 to West Under 23 on Friday, beat a *Colleges'* XI 3—0 on Saturday and lost 2—1 to East Under 23 yesterday, at RAF Uxbridge.

The WRAC, WRAF and WRNS play in different ways, and the Combined team took time to settle down. Ann Appleyard, the captain, from *WRAF* Woolwich, spurred her team on.

On Saturday, they missed numerous corners. Margaret Docherty (WRAF Cosford) scored the first goal as a result of a corner, but that was the only one which brought success.

B. Smithyman (WRNS) proved herself a good scorer: two against West Under 23 and the third goal against the Colleges. Jane Walsh, the WRNS captain, scored the second on Saturday.

It was unfortunate that four of the Combined Services team were [illegible]

Five goals take Ireland into last four

Ireland reached the semi-final round of the 12-nation Inter-continental Cup in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

The Irish had to beat Singapore by at least five goals to oust Belgium from second place in qualifying group B. They were 3—0 up at half-time with goals by McConnell, Hardy and Kirkwood.

The Irishmen seemed to be flagging in the tropical heat until McConnell was obstructed by the goalkeeper and Burns scored with a penalty flick. McConnell rammed home a long corner three minutes before the end.

The Soviet Union are also in the semi-finals after a 1—1 draw against Malaysia in Group A. The fourth semi-finalist will be decided tomorrow when Wales, who beat Italy 1—0 on Saturday meet Malaysia. Both have seven points but Malaysia have a better goal balance and a draw would be enough.

In the women's world championship in Buenos Aires, the Soviet Union trounced Australia 5—1 yesterday to finish third. In the final West Germany beat the Netherlands 2—1 on penalties after the match went into extra time and finished 1—1.—Agencies.

Shilton wants to leave Nottingham Forest

Peter Shilton, Nottingham Forest's England goalkeeper, wants to leave the club. He confirmed this last night, but was not prepared to discuss his reasons, except *to say*: "*I will still* turn up for training tomorrow morning."

Two years ago he signed a three and a half year contract with Forest which guaranteed him £100,000, plus bonuses. At the time he rejected the chance of signing for Washington Diplomats, stating that he wanted to stay with Forest and play for England in the 1982 World Cup.

He played for Forest at Southampton on Saturday when they lost 2—0. Capped 32 times for England he has often experienced a brittle relationship with Brian Clough, the manager, since his signing from Stoke for £270,000 in September 1977. Before that he was with Leicester and was transferred to the potteries for £325,000 in November 1974.

Tony Woodcock, *the former* Forest *player*, was also *making* headlines at the weekend. The England international, now playing for Cologne, was sent off yesterday after clashing with a Karlsruhe player in a West German Bundesliga match. Woodcock, fouled repeatedly by Rolf Dohmen, a Karlsruhe defender, appeared to kick *his marker when* they both were down in the 63rd minute and was given his marching orders. Woodcock can expect an eight-week suspension for the foul which left Dohmen nursing a *bruised kidney*.

Cologne, who are Ipswich Town's semi-final opponents in the Uefa Cup, were leading 1—0 through a goal from Engels when the incident occurred but they allowed Bold to score 12 minutes later for the 1—1 draw. Woodcock was bought from Nottingham Forest last season and has now become the fifth player to be sent off in the Bundesliga this campaign.

Woodcock, who *will still* be available for the ties against Ipswich this month, was unhappy with *the referee*. He said: "He kept blowing up for a foul, but he should have shown Dohmen the yellow card. Then it would not have gone as *far as it did.* This would never have happened in England". Rinus Michels, the Cologne coach, said Bonhof and Zimmerman, neither of whom played yesterday, were both doubtful for the tie with Ipswich.

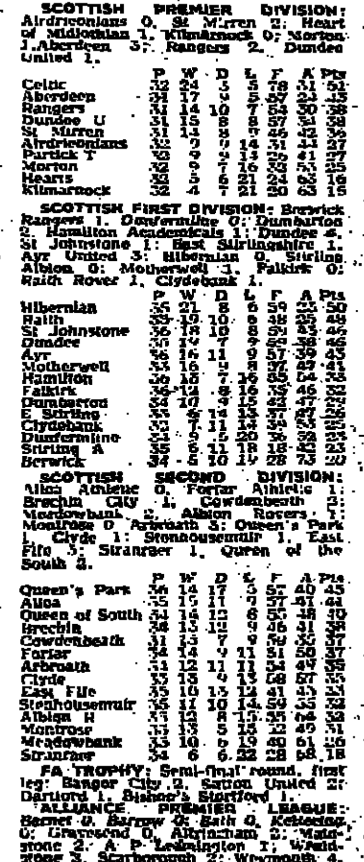
Hamburg maintained *their* two-point lead at the top of the table with a 2—1 victory over Fortuna *Düsseldorf*, but Bayern Munich, the defending champions, stayed at their heels with a 3—1 win at Bochum. Bayern, who play Liverpool in the European Cup semi-finals on Wednesday, came back after conceding an early goal.

Bayern are negotiating with Ajax Amsterdam for the transfer of the Dutch club's Danish midfield player, Soren Lerby, Pal Cserna, the Bayern coach, said: "It was a crucial win, keeping us in touch with Hamburg and giving us a boost before going to *Liverpool.*"

In the Italian League, Roma won 2—0 at Udinese to retain their *one-point advantage over Juventus* and Napolla. A brilliant goal from Liam Brady helped Juventus to a 3—0 victory over Catanzaro and the former Arsenal player is now leading scorer among the 11 players of Italian soccer's "foreign legion".

In Bologna three people were admitted to hospital and 33 arrests were made after fighting broke out between rival supporters after Bologna's 2—1 win over Inter Milan.

Weekend results and tables







Yesterday

Second division

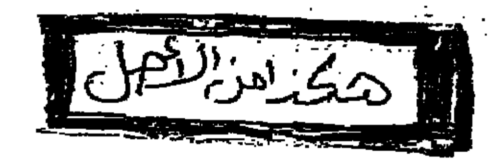
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Fourth division

Scottish premier division

Today's fixtures

European leagues



French racing

Cresta Rider glides in for a classic duel with Recitation

From Desmond Stoneham
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, April 5

Argument gained revenge over Detroit for a half-length defeat in last year's Arc de Triomphe by taking the group two Prix d'Harcourt at Longchamp this afternoon. Argument and Alain Lequeux beat the outsider, aKtowice, by a head with Armistice Day three lengths away, third. Detroit, who looked extremely backward in the paddock and started a 5 to 4 on favourite, was a further head back in fourth position.

Serge Gorli, an apprctince, nearly stole the race on Katowice, who had a two-length lead going into the final furlong. However, the class of Argument told in the end andLequeux was not too severe on his partner. The conncxlons of Detroit were pleased wth the filly's performance and expect a different result when she meets Argument again in the Prix Ganay on May 3.

The finest performance of the day was put up by Stavros Niarchos's Cresta Rider, who won the Prix de Fontainebleau, over a mile, by a cheeky half length from Redoubtable with Travolta third, and Great Substance fourth. Superbly ridden by Philippe Paquet, Cresta Rider raced in second last place until the straight. The colt then showed a fine turn of foot to sweep past his rivals in the final furlong and a half.

Cresta Rider heads for the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) on April 26, when he will encounter Recitation, who won the Salisbury 2,000 Guineas Trial Stakes yesterday. When the colts last met in the Grand Critérium nearly six months ago, Recitation, the winner, was over a length ahead of Cresta Rider.

Paquet considered that he made too much use of Cresta Rider that day, and today's waiting tactics made the son of Northern Dancer look a fine racehorse. Asked if Cresta Rider bore any resemblance to the infamous Nureyev, Paquet replied: "They are very different horses. It's a little early to say, but Cresta Rider is very good indeed."

Another contestant for the French 2,000, will be Redoutable, who had a slightly unlucky race. Georges Doleuze chose the rail, only to be blocked in the straight. The pair came round the fading Prince Mab, Princely Ruler and Travolta before having a clear run. But in the opinion of Doleuze, his misfortune did not affect the result, and he commented: "Cresta Rider would have beaten me anyway".

The Prix de Barbeville, over 15½ furlongs, went to the favorite Kelbomec from Proustille, Hereas, and Son of Love, but the performance of El Badr, absent from the course for 21 months, was worth nothing. El Badr, who won the Barbeville and Prix du Cadran in 1979, tried to make all the running, and was eventually beaten into fifth place, under two lengths behind the winner.

PRIX D'HARCOURT (Group II: £21,296: 1¼m)
ARGUMENT, b c, by Kautokeino—Araniella (B. McNall), 4-9-4 A Lequeux 1
Katowice .... Gorli 2
Armistice Day ...... Saint-Martin 3
PARI MUTUEL: Win, 3.20fr; places, 2.30, 4.20. Forecast: 56.50 M. Zilber. Hd, 3l. 6 ran. 2min 14.5sec.

PRIX DE FONTAINEBLEAU (Group III: 3-y-o colts: £14,815: 1m)
CRESTA RIDER, br c, by Northern Dancer—Thenoly Blue (S. Niarchos) 9-2 P. Paquet 1
Redoutable .... G. Doleuze 2
Travolta .... Y. Saint-Martin 3
PARI-MUTUEL: Win, 2.30fr; pl 1.60, 3.00, 2.70. Forecast: 21.30. F. Boutin. ½l, ½l. 10 ran. 1min 44sec.

European Law Report — Court of Justice of the European Communities

When is lower pay sex discrimination?

Between Mrs J. R. Jenkins, appellant, and Kingsgate (Clothing Productions) Ltd, respondents.

Case No. 96/80: Preliminary ruling under Article 177 of the EEC Treaty on a reference by the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

Before the president, Judge J. Mertens de Wilmars and Judges P. Pescatore, Lord Mackenzie Stuart, T. Koopmans, A. O'Keefe, G. Bosco, A. Touffait, O Due and U. Everling. Mr Advocate-General: J-P. Warner, QC.

Judgment given on March 31, 1981.

Kingsgate (Clothing Productions) Ltd., manufacturers of ladies' clothing, have a factory in Harlow (Essex) where 89 people are employed, of whom 35 are male and 54 female. All the male employees except one work full-time (40 hours per week). Of the female employees, however, five work part-time. The employees who work full-time are graded into six categories.

In 1975, following the entry into force of the Equal Pay Act 1970, Kingsgate fixed the hourly pay for full-time work at the same rate for both men and women. It considered, however, that there was a fundamental difference between part-time work and full-time work, independently of the sex of the worker, which justified a difference in pay.

The pay for part-time work was therefore fixed at a rate 10 per cent lower than that applicable to full-time work. That difference was not based on either the characteristics of the worker or the quality of the work. It was motivated by the need: (a) to discourage absenteeism, (b) to ensure that the expensive machinery in the factory was being used to its fullest extent, and (c) to encourage greater productivity.

Mrs Jeanette Pauline Jenkins, an employee of Kingsgate, works part-time, or to be more precise "more or less 30 hours per week", as a special machinest.

Mrs Jenkins took the view that she was unfairly prejudiced by the fact that, although she was engaged to perform the same work as that performed by one of her male colleagues (Mr Bannan), employed full-time, she drew an hourly rate of pay lower than that drawn by her colleague. She therefore brought an action before an industrial tribunal. In support of her complaint she alleged that the difference in pay contravened the equality clause incorporated into her contract and the provisions of section 1 (2) (a) of the Equal Pay Act, according to which the principle of equal pay for men and women applies in every case where: "a woman is employed on 'like work' with a man in the same employment".

The industrial tribunal rejected the complaint and held that working for a period representing 75 per cent of the full working hours (30 hours equals 75 per cent of 40 hours) constituted a "material difference, other than the difference of sex", sufficient to justify, in Mrs Jenkins's case, an hourly rate of pay 10 per cent lower than that of her male colleague, in accordance with section 1(3) of the Equal Pay Act.

Mrs Jenkins appealed against that decision to the Employment Apeal Tribunal, which, by an order of February 25, 1980, referred the following questions to the court for a preliminary ruling:

(1) Does the principle of equal pay, contained in Article 119 of the EEC Treaty and Article 1 of the Council directive 75/117 of February 10, 1975, require that pay for work at time rates shall be the same, irrespective: (a) of the number of hours worked each week; or (b) of whether it is of commercial benefit to the employer to encourage the doing of the maximum possible hours of work and consequently to pay a higher rate to workers doing 40 hours per week than to workers doing fewer than 40 hours per week?

(2) If the answer to question 1 (a) or (b) is in the negative, what criteria should be used in determining whether or not the principle of equal pay applies where there is a difference in the time rates of pay related to the total number of hours worked each week?

(3) Would the answer to question 1 (a) or (b) or question 2 be different (and, if so, in what respects) if it were shown that a considerably smaller proportion of female workers than of male workers is able to perform the minimum number of hours each week required to qualify for the full hourly rate of pay?

4. "Are the relevant provisions of Article 119 of the EEC Treaty or Article 1 of the said directive, as the case may be, directly applicable in member states in the circumstances of the present case?"

In answering the first three questions the court said that the fact that part-time work is paid at an hourly rate lower than pay for full-time work does not amount *per se* to discrimination prohibited by Article 119 provided that the hourly rates are applied to workers belonging to either category without distinction based on sex.

If there is no such distinction, therefore, the fact that work paid at time rates is remunerated at an hourly rate which varies according to the number of hours worked per week does not offend against the principle of equal pay laid down in Article 119 of the EEC Treaty in so far as the difference in pay between part-time work and full-time work is attributable to factors which are objectively justified and are in no way related to any discrimination based on sex.

Such may be the case, in particular, when by giving hourly rates of pay which are lower for part-time work than those for full-time work the employer is endeavouring, on the economic ground which may be objectively justified, to encourage full-time work irrespective of the sex of the worker.

The reply to the first three questions must therefore be that a difference in pay between full-time workers and part-time workers does not amount to discrimination prohibited by Article 119 of the Treaty unless it is in reality merely an indirect way of reducing the level of pay of part-time workers on the ground that that group of workers is composed exclusively or predominantly of women.

In reply to the fourth question the court referred to its decisions in case 43/75 (Defrenne), case 129/79 (Wendy Smith) and case 69/80 (Worringham), stating that Article 119 of the Treaty applies directly to all forms of discrimination which may be identified solely with the aid of the criteria of equal work and equal pay referred to by the article in question, without national or Community measures being required to define them with greater precision in order to permit their application.

On Article 1 of Council Directive No 75/117 the court said that its primary objective is to implement the principle that men and women should receive equal pay which is "contained in Article 119 of the Treaty". For that purpose the fourth recital states that "it is desirable to reinforce the basic laws by standards aimed at facilitating the practical application of the principle of equality".

The provisions of Article 1 of that directive are confined, in the first paragraph, to restating the principle of equal pay set out in Article 119 of the treaty and specify, in the second paragraph, the conditions for applying that principle where a job classification system is used for determining pay.

It follows, therefore, that Article 1 of Council directive No 75/117, which is principally designed to facilitate the practical application of the prncipIe of equal pay outlined in Article 119 of the treaty in no way alters the content or scope of that principle as defined in the Treaty.

The Court of Justice gave the following answers to the questions referred to it:

1. A difference in pay between full-time workers and part-time workers does not amount to discrimination prohibited by Article 119 of the Treaty unless it is in reality merely an indirect way of reducing the pay of part-time workers on the ground that that group of workers is composed exclusively or predominantly of women.

2. Where the national court is able, using the criteria of equal work and equal pay, without the operation of Community or national measures, to establish that the payment of lower hourly rates of remuneration for part-time work than for full-time work represents discrimination based on difference of sex, the provisions of Article 119 of the Treaty apply directly.

Public and Educational Appointments

COLLEGE OF ARTS
UNIVERSITY OF RIYADH — SAUDI ARABIA

TEACHING STAFF-VACANCIES

The College of Arts, University of Riyadh in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, invites applications to fill the followng teaching staff vacancies for the academic year 1981/82.

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Assistant Professor—Prose and creative writing
Assistant Professor—English language
Assistant Professor (female)—English language
Assistant Professor—English poetry
Language Instructor—Experience in English language lab
Language Instructor (female)—Experience in English language lab.
Language Instructor (female)—Experience in English/Arabic translation and vice versa

Centre for European Languages
Professor, Associate Professor—Translation
Assistant Professor—English language instruction
Language Intructor—English language instruction
Language Instructor (female)—English language instruction

Geography Department
Associate or Assistant Professor—Cartography
Associate or Assistant Professor (female)—Cartography
Lecturer (female)—Cartography
Associate or Assistant Professor—Climatic Geography
Associate or Assistant Professor (female)—Human Geography
Lecturer (female)—Human Geography
Associate or Assistant Professor (female) Physical Geography
Lecturer (female)—Physical Geography
(Arabic is the language of instruction in the Geography Department)

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Professor or Associate Professor—Medieval European History
Associate or Assistant Professor (female)—Ancient History

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(Arabic is the language of instruction in the Media Department)

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Senior Teaching staff, Lecturer (male/female)—Arabic Literature
Senior Teaching staff or Lecturer—Morphology.

General Conditions
Faculty members should hold a PhD in their specialisation, or have acquired their academic title at a teaching institution accredited by the University of Riyadh.
Language instructors should have qualified for a BA (general average not less than GOOD) plus 3 years' experience, or an MA degree.
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Applications, accompanied by non-returnable photocopies of academic and specialised experience credentials, should be mailed to the Dean, College of Arts, P.O. 2456, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Selected candidates only will be advised for interview.

UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA
NORWICH

Applications are invited for a

TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP IN ECONOMICS

in the School of Economic and Social Studies. The post will be tenable for one year from 1st October 1981. There is no restriction on the field of specialisation but interest and capability in research are essential. Salary will be within the range £6,070-£7,700 p.a. plus USS benefits.
Applications (one copy only) giving exact date of birth, full particulars of qualifications and experience, together with the names and addresses of three persons to whom reference may be made, should be lodged with the Establishment Officer, University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ (telephone 0603 56161 ext. 2126) from whom further particulars may be obtained, not later than 1st May 1981. No forms of application are issued. In naming three referees you are particularly requested to give only the names of those who can immediately be approached.

UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA
Norwich

Applications are invited for a

Temporary Lecturership in Politics

tenable from 1st September, 1981, to 31st August, 1982. The successful candidate will be expected to teach Democratic Theory and Practice and Marxism. An ability to teach British Politics would be an advantage. Candidates with interests in other areas may also apply. Salary will be within the range £6,070-£7,700 per annum plus USS benefits.
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AUSTRALIA

Applications are invited for the following posts, for which applications close on the dates shown. SALARIES (unless otherwise stated) are as follows: Professor $A40,067; Senior Lecturer, $A25,669-$A29,918. Further details and application procedure may be obtained from The Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PF.

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26 June 1981.

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30 June 1981.

Monash University
Melbourne
DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION
This post will become vacant at the end of 1981 when Professor P. W. Musgrave retires from the Deanship to resume a Chair of Education in the field of Sociology of Education within the Faculty. It is expected that the successful applicant will have had considerable experience in the academic field of education and in University administration. He will be expected to devote himself to the development of the Faculty and the furtherance of its work. The Dean will also be a professor in the Faculty and will be encouraged to undertake some teaching and to pursue his research interests. The duties of the Dean include acting in an advisory capacity to the Vice-Chancellor as a member of the Committee of Deans. The appointment will be initially for five years with provision for continuation beyond that period or, in certain circumstances, for transfer to a Chair within the Faculty.
Salary: $A43,726 per annum. Superannuation, travel and removal allowances.
18 May 1981.

The University of New South Wales, Sydney
PROFESSOR OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
The professor appointed will become head of the School of Biotechnology in the Faculty of Biological Sciences for an initial period of three years. The position is available following the retirement in March 1980, of Professor Bernhard J. Ralph, Foundation Professor of the School. The School, which is of long standing and unique in Australia, embraces all principal fields of biotechnology from applied biochemical genetics to biochemical engineering. The appointee would be expected to have achieved distinction in the field of biotechnology.
17 July 1981.

DIRECTOR OF THE TERTIARY EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTRE
The Tertiary Education Research Centre cooperates with University schools and staff members in programmes for the improvement of teaching and of teaching skills; it also undertakes research on matters affecting the University's educational policies and practices. Applicants should preferably have had substantial experience at a senior level in similar activities.
Salary: $A40,067 p.a.
30 June 1981.

PROFESSOR OF ARCHITECTURE
Faculty of Architecture
The University is seeking an architect with appropriate qualifications and extensive academic or professional experience to undertake responsibility for the teaching of architectural design in the School of Architecture.
17 July 1981.

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RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN THE FACULTY OF ARTS
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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Lecturer Grade I: £8,624 x 358-£10,056
Lecturer Grade II: £4,751 x 342-£6,461 x 358-£8,251
Senior Research Fellow: £7,648 x 350-£10,098
Research Fellow Grade I: £6,720 x 350-£8,120
Research Fellow Grade II: £4,548 x 309-£5,734
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Appointment on above scales according to qualifications and experience.
CONDITIONS OF SERVICE: Both permanent pensionable terms and short-term contracts are offered for academic posts.
FURTHER PARTICULARS on the above posts, on conditions of service and on method of application should be obtained prior to submitting an application from the Director, Appointments and Personnel, University of Zimbabwe, P.O. Box MP 167, Mount Pleasant, Salisbury, Zimbabwe.
Overseas applicants may obtain further particulars from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.
Applications should be submitted by 30 April 1981.

University of Leicester
DEPARTMENTS OF PHYSIOLOGY AND MEDICINE

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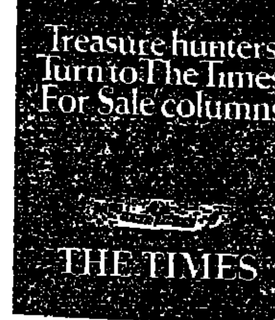
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Commercial Property

Developers look towards City fringes

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Both developers and tenants *are being forced to move* beyond the traditional boundaries of the City. Whether city gents like it or not the world's oldest financial quarter is seeing its boundaries expanded in every direction.

Areas such as Holborn, the Monument, Houndsditch, Aldgate and even the Angel have witnessed a rapid rise in rental values and development activity over the past two years, almost unthinkable even five years ago.

Rents in Holborn, for example, have soared past their 1973 peak, currently at around £16.50 per sq ft, while City offices have only just caught up with the previous boom's peak of between £23 and £24 a sq ft.

While the area between Holborn Circus and Kingsway has been a hive of activity over the past 18 months, both developers and agents have shifted their attention to sites around the north side of London Bridge and *Billingsgate.*

It is estimated that anything up to one million sq ft of new office space could come on to the market over the next decade. Certainly by the mid 1980's about 700,000 sq ft of accommodation will be available.

The way for development in the Monument area was paved with the acceptance of Cannon Street as a banking and City offices area. Midland Bank's leasing *of the 130,000 sq ft St* Magnus House at £20 a sq ft put this area clearly on the City map.

Since then Land Securities has started on its 130,000 sq ft King William Street development, and there are plans to link it with a similarly large office area on the neighbouring Regis House site.

Other big schemes by Edger Investments, a Prudential subsidiary, and the Trade Development *Bank* indicate that the forgotten corner of the City is gaining respectability.

But all these schemes are overshadowed by the Swire group's development plan for the Billingsgate Fish Market site. Encompassing the old building, together with a new one, Swire's scheme would offer almost 400,000 sq ft, gross, of new office space.

Future growth around the Monument and Holborn, largely depends on demand for space within the Square Mile itself. According to the latest survey of the City by surveyors Richard Ellis rents could rise to as much as £45 per sq ft in the prime banking areas.

Ellis forecasts that a substantial slowing down of new accommodation coming on to the market will increase pressure on rents. It points out that of an estimated 2m sq ft of new space being completed during *the current year virtually* one-third is in the City fringes. The 220,000 sq ft Chiswell Street scheme has already been bought by BP for the oil group's own use. By 1985 around 1.2m sq ft of new office space will be completed in areas to the north and east of the City a quarter of which has aleady been pre-let.

Guardian Royal Exchange has leased the recently refurbished No. 3 South Place, London, EC2 at a rent of £15 per sq ft. The *building was refurbished* by Haslemere Estates and Friends Provident and covers 12,000 sq ft of offices on four floors. Ellis acted as letting agents and GRE was advised by Walker Son & Packman.

Schemes such as British Rail's proposed redevelopment of Liverpool Street Station covering around 800,000 sq ft of space and Trafalgar House's £24m project to transform the Angel area make up these fringe developments.

But what of the City itself? True there is little room for development but there are a number of rebuilding programmes under way such as the *80,000 sq* ft *refurbishment in* Bury Street, EC3, 30,000 sq ft of new air-conditioned offices in Mitre Street, and Haslemere's 11,000 sq ft development on the corner of Bevis Marks and Bury Street.

These are all fairly small fry compared to the kind of demand for prime City accommodation over the next five years. Other pressures may drive current City users out to the fringe areas.

The last rate increase passed by the City of London Corporation pushed up the combined rent and rates demand for prime space by 13.6 per cent to a staggering £37.60 a sq ft; this is inclusive of service charge *which can add on a further* £3-£5 a sq ft, taking the cost of City offices to well over £40 a sq ft.

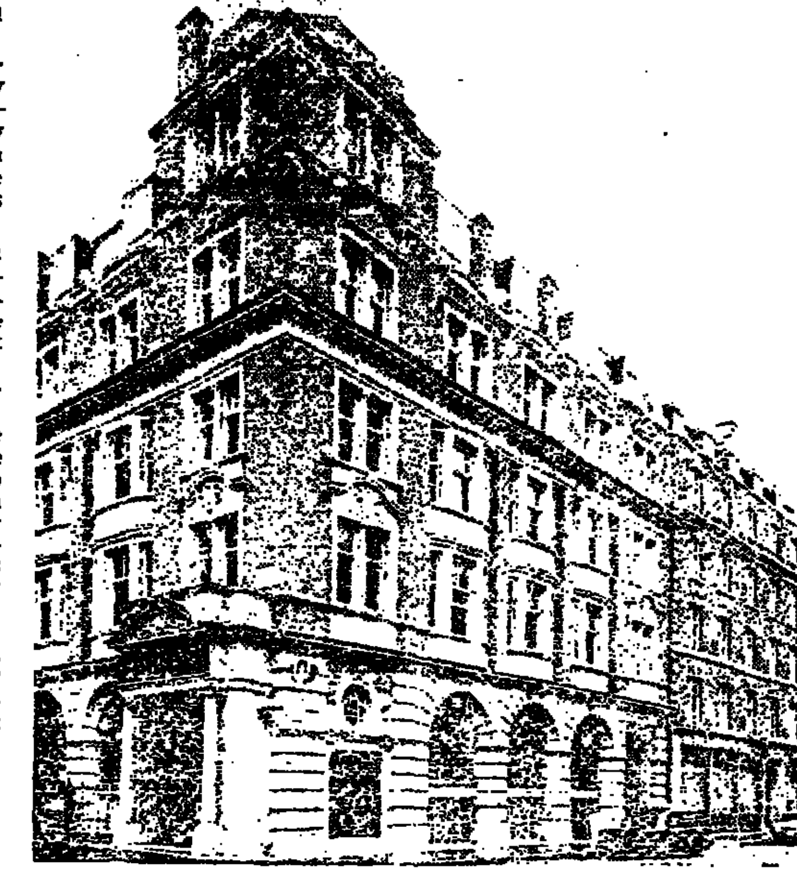
On this basis alone a secretary is costing a company between £6,000 and £8,000 purely for the space taken up by desks and filing cabinets a decent-sized executive's office costs his company as much as £24,000 a year.

With these considerations in mind many a corporation chairman may well consider seriously about moving away from the magical Square Mile, or at least relocating part of his operation which need not be accommodated at a prestigious address.

While others contemplate moving out there appears to be no shortage of those wishing to move in. Last year 35 foreign banks set up shop in the City taking the total to 383. Consultants Noel Alexander Associates forecast that in the current year a further 30 foreign banks will establish themselves in the City.

Despite technological innovations demand for the "correct" City address appears to continue unabated. While that demand continues rents will *continue to* soar and the pressure on existing and new space will spread development to the fringes and to south of the Thames.

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No. 001446 of 1981

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Notice is hereby given that by an Order dated the 27 March 1981 made in the above matters the Court has directed a Meeting of the holders of the Ordinary Shares of 10p each of the above-named Company (hereinafter called "the Company") (other than the 2,421,500 such Ordinary Shares owned by the Executor of the Will of the late A. E. Riggs) to be convened for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the Company and the holders of its said Shares (other than aforesaid) and that such Meeting will be held at Coventry Chamber of Commerce, St. Nicholas Street, Coventry on Wednesday the 29th day of April 1981 at 10.40 o'clock in the forenoon (or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting of the Company convened for the same day and place shall have been concluded or adjourned) at which place and time all such Shareholders (other than aforesaid) are requested to attend.

Any person entitled to attend the said Meeting can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement forms of proxy and copies of the Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 207 of the above-mentioned Act at the registered office of the Company situate at Coronet House, Upper Well Street, Coventry CV1 4AF and at the office of the undermentioned Solicitors at the address mentioned below during usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) prior to the day appointed for the said Meeting.

The said Shareholders (other than aforesaid) may vote in person at the said Meeting or they may appoint another person whether a Member of the Company or not, as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead.

It is requested that forms appointing Proxies be lodged with the Company at its registered office aforesaid not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the said Meeting but if forms are not so lodged they may be handed to the Chairman at the said Meeting.

In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person, or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members.

By the said Order, the Court has appointed Leslie Gordon Cardew or failing him Derek Alan Hinns to act as Chairman of the said Meeting and has directed the Chairman to report the result thereof to the Court.

The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

Dated this 6th day of April 1981.

ALLEN & OVERY,
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Solicitors for the Company.

LEGAL NOTICES

In The Matter of PERRY & BROOKS Limited and in The Matter of THE COMPANIES ACT 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 12th day of May, 1981, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Keith David Goodman, FCA, of Leonard Curtis & Co., 3-4 Bentinck Street, London W1A 3BA the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 31st day of March, 1981.

K. D. GOODMAN,
Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of S. G. Banister & Co., 15, Golden Square, London W1R 4DH, on Wednesday, 15th April, 1981, at 12.30 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act, i.e. (1) The nomination of a Liquidator. (2) The appointment of a Committee of Inspection. General and Special forms of proxy are enclosed herewith. Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the Registered Office of the Company, situate at 15 Golden Square, London W1R 4DH, not later than four o'clock in the afternoon on the 14th day of April, 1981.

Dated this 30th day of March, 1981.

A. CAUSTON,
Director.
By Order of the Board.

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Dated the 30th day of March, 1981

I. J. BURNS,
Director.

In The Matter of ALAN JAMES (INDUSTRIAL HEATING) Limited By Order of the High Court dated the 24th day of February, 1981, Sir Henry Charles Treve of 2 Bread Street Place, London EC4M 7TE has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company without a Committee of Inspection.

Dated this 30th day of March, 1981.

Is London heading for an upset at County Hall in May?

The election Labour must be seen to win

It would be a political catastrophe for the Labour Party if it fails to regain control of the Greater London Council in the election on May 7.

The Conservatives, in control since 1977, would undoubtedly argue that their prudent, money-saving policies deserve recognition with a vote of confidence for the next four years, but in reality they cannot win. Only Labour can lose, and if it does, it will be the result of a reaction against its self-confessed and well-publicized programme of spending, with the inevitable consequence of yet more high rate increases.

By any other study of the entrails of the previous election, and the political swings since, the omens indicate a comfortable victory for the Labour Party.

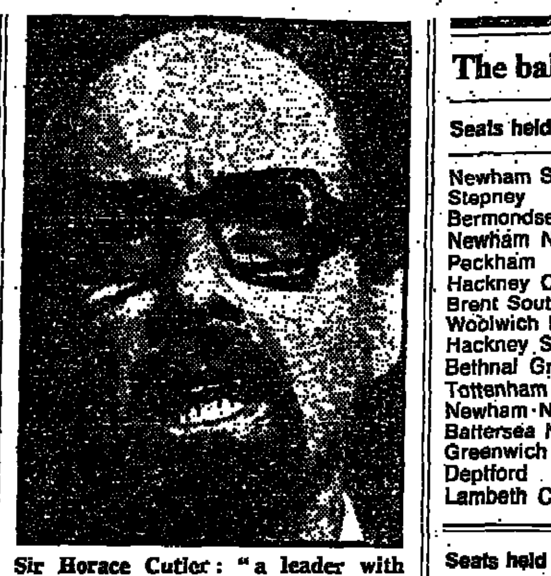
In 1973, a good year for Labour with a Conservative government in office, the party gained 58 seats, leaving the Conservatives with 32 and Liberals with two. The situation was reversed at the next election in 1977, giving the Conservatives 64 seats to 28 for Labour. A subsequent by-election win for Labour gives the present council composition of 63-29.

The tide had already begun to turn by the time of the 1979 general election, which for London gives an accurate reflection of the political feeling because the 92 seats for the GLC are exactly the same as the 92 parliamentary seats for the area. By then the gap had narrowed, giving the Conservatives 50 seats and Labour 42, the seats changing hands shown in the accompanying table.

Compared with the 1977 GLC election Labour needs a swing of 9.5 per cent, but compared with the 1979 general election requires a swing of only 2.1 per cent. Thus, if the swing is consistent, a gain by Labour in Paddington, Hornchurch, Ealing North, Fulham and Ilford South would bring Labour back into power at County Hall by 47-45.

These five seats are key marginals for the party, along with several others the party would expect to win, including Woolwich West, Putney and Enfield North. The swing to Labour since the 1979 general election is roughly seven per cent at present, which could give the party a healthy majority of 18, leaving aside the Liberal challenge. And that cannot be left aside, for Liberals are confident of success in a handful of Conservative seats and hopeful of success in one Labour seat, Bethnal Green and Bow.

Recent council meetings have helped to build up the tension between the two main parties and exposed the severe differences between them over their policies for London. This process should also help the electorate, most of which knows little of the Greater London Council and its works, and cares less.



Sir Horace Cutler: "a leader with charisma".

Sir Horace Cutler, the Conservative leader, has lost no time in branding the Labour manifesto as Marxist, and complaining of the huge cost of their policies if Labour are returned. At the same time he has been in the public gaze as much as possible, even running a few steps up to the line with competitors in the recent London marathon to gain valuable television coverage. He, if anyone, has brought the GLC to public notice and it could have an effect on the voting. "He is a leader with charisma", Conservative party officials happily say.

His jibes at the left-wing policies of the Labour group, formed over many months of deliberation and consultation with all parts of the party, including the constituencies and unions as well as the Labour group on the council, have left the candidates united, at least on the surface. But the comment of one moderate Labour candidate—"we are all left-wing now"—betrays the unease which some of them feel, and there is bound to be a power struggle if Labour wins.

Mr Andrew McIntosh, Labour group leader, defeated Mr Kenneth Livingstone, choice of the left-wing, by one vote last year. Mr Livingstone will challenge him again after the election.

The programme involves a reduction by one-quarter in London Transport fares, action to create 10,000 new jobs and the revival of the housing programme, which together will mean—as the group has openly stated—a supplementary rate in October of 6-8p and an extra £1 a week on average domestic rate bills by 1983-84. Labour's argument is that these measures are needed to rescue London from decline, that people will not object to paying for better services, and—rather more quietly—that a large proportion of Labour voters will not be too inconvenienced by the increases because they will be entitled to rate rebates.

Sir Horace Cutler will launch the Conservative manifesto tomorrow, but the party's campaign guide spells out clearly that the Conservatives will stand on their record. "We have put London's finances on a sound basis, and reformed the structure of the GLC. We are providing London with less government and better government", he declared.

Labour's answer is that the Conservative administration has simply provided London with less, including a reduction of house building to almost nil and the hand-over of GLC estates to the boroughs.

The Conservatives will be campaigning not just on their own record. Their other aim is to attack Labour's left-wing lurch. Sir Horace has lost few opportunities in branding the "Marxists". Lord Thorneycroft, chairman of the party, has summoned the troops to battle to prevent the Marxist flag flying over County Hall, and their campaign slogan is to keep London "out of the red".

While the Liberals faded from sight in the 1977 election, they can return to the fore this year. They have been winning by-elections consistently in the boroughs and last week gained an impressive win in Richmond.

In a Liberal ward, admittedly, they achieved a 16 per cent swing from the Conservatives. It gives a late boost to their excellent chance of winning the Richmond seat from the Conservatives, which would mean the arrival at County Hall of Mr Adrian Slade, their campaign leader.

The party has been given a psychological lift by the fact that Lord Avebury, redoubtable politician and ever known for his Orpington triumphs, is to stand in Southall.

Liberals have hopes also in the other Richmond seat, Twickenham, at present occupied by Mr George Tremlett, the GLC housing leader, and should do well in the Sutton seats, one of their past strongholds. They are also providing a powerful challenge in Bethnal Green and Bow, where they have been working hard in recent years to win support on the council estates ignored by the Labour councillors. They see it as a Liberal campaign on the Liverpool lines, working in the community, channelling complaints and getting things done. Their work could put the seat held by Sir Ashley Bramall, leader of the Inner London Education Authority, in jeopardy.

The party has decided not to form any arrangement with the Social Democratic Alliance, which is fielding eight candidates, and instead has appealed for them to back the Liberals.

In London the SDA decided to fight against selected left-wing Labour candidates, with the hope of causing, at the least, embarrassment and at best the defeat of the Labour candidates. Dr Stephen Haseler, a former Labour GLC committee chairman, has gone so far as to declare that he will win. He is standing in Lambeth Norwood against Mr Edward Knight, the Marxist leader of Lambeth council, who ought on form—or swing—to win.

As Dr Haseler, president of the SDA, mounts his challenge in Norwood, Mr Douglas Eden, secretary of the Alliance, another former GLC chairman, sets off to contest Islington South and Finsbury against Mrs Frances Morrell, former adviser to Mr Wedgwood Benn. Mr James Daly, a third former Labour GLC chairman, who was to fight Mr Livingstone at Paddington, has stood down, but hopes to sponsor an alternative candidate and will continue to campaign for the Party.

Complicating the issue slightly—and with varying impact—the Communist party, the National Front and the Ecologist party are all fighting up to half the seats.

For an election traditionally known for its apathy, the polarization of the two main parties, the resurgence of the Liberals and the intervention of the Social Democrats, should create an almost heady excitement. It will only become a sensation if Labour fail to win control.

Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

The balance of power in the GLC

Seats held by Labour		Conservative held GLC seats which showed Lab lead at 1979 general election
Newham South	Southall	Tooting
Stepney	Dagenham	Leyton
Bermondsey	Barking	Hammersmith North
Newham NW	St Pancras North	Hayes
Peckham	Islington North	Wood Green
Hackney Central	Vauxhall	Feltham and Heston
Brent South	Hackney North	Erith and Crayford
Woolwich East	Islington South	Norwood
Hackney South	Brent East	Edmonton
Bethnal Green	Islington Central	Lewisham East
Tottenham	Walthamstow	Mitcham
Newham NE	Holborn and St Pancras	Battersea South
Battersea North	Lewisham West	Dulwich
Greenwich		
Deptford		
Lambeth Central		

Seats held by Conservatives showing percentage swing needed for Labour win

Paddington	0.2	Hendon North	8.0	Beckenham	15.9
Hornchurch	0.8	Croydon NE	8.0	Chipping Barnet	15.9
Ealing North	1.2	Kensington	8.1	Marylebone	16.7
Fulham	1.8	Uxbridge	8.4	Sidcup	17.0
Ilford South	2.1	Upminster	8.6	Harrow West	17.0
Putney	2.7	Finchley	9.9	Westminster	17.7
Woolwich West	2.9	Brent North	9.9	Richmond	17.7
Enfield North	3.4	Carshalton	10.1	Twickenham	17.8
Hampstead	4.3	Harrow East	10.3	Southgate	19.5
Brentford	4.5	Romford	10.5	Ruislip	19.8
Croydon NW	4.7	Bexleyheath	10.5	Wanstead	21.1
Hornsey	5.0	Chislehurst	11.5	Ravensbourne	21.2
Harrow Central	6.7	Hendon South	11.6	Sutton	21.9
Ilford North	7.0	Wimbledon	13.3	Orpington	23.1
Acton	7.2	Chingford	14.1	Chelsea	23.8
Streatham	7.2	Surbiton	15.3	Croydon South	25.9
Croydon Central	7.9	Kingston	15.8		

Lord Chalfont

The freedom that is constantly at risk

When my first article appeared in *The Times* there were still classified advertisements on the front page, reporters and correspondents were discreetly anonymous, and the main feature article (known somewhat obscurely as "the turnover") dispensed its Delphic wisdom from the right hand centre page. On my first day in the comfortably run down premises at Printing House Square the court correspondent attended the editorial conference in full ceremonial dress, having come straight from a function at Buckingham Palace, and it was some time before I realized that these were not his everyday working clothes. I indulge in these somewhat nostalgic reminiscences because no man is an island, the caravan moves on, the whirligig of time brings in its revenges, and this will be my last column in these pages.

My association with *The Times* over 20 years has been interrupted by two unnatural events—an industrial dispute which kept the paper off the streets; and six years in government which did the same for me. The cryptic comment of the editor, Sir William Haley, on my departure in 1964 to be a Minister of the Crown was that I would miss two things—my freedom of action, and my influence on government policy. Hindsight suggests that he was not altogether wide of the mark.

What is even less open to question is the influence of this great newspaper upon my own attitudes and perceptions. The rigorous discipline of having to write in reasonably literate, concise and comprehensible English about great issues which often involve moral uncertainties as well as obscure technical complexities, tends wonderfully to concentrate the mind; and the watchful presence of a community of editors, writers, and readers who are able to spot cant, insincerity, or inconsistency instantly and without the aid of binoculars, provides a powerful deterrent against the persistent temptations of intellectual arrogance.

It is, therefore, with appropriate diffidence that I offer some parting reflections upon the matters which lie at the heart of much that I have been trying to say over the years. If I have seemed to some people to be disproportionately concerned with "the Soviet threat", I should explain that my preoccupation is not principally with the possibility of crude military aggression against the West, although, in the light of recent events and the prevailing balance of power, it would be unwise entirely to discount that particular danger. I am, however, not kept awake at night by the spectre of the Red hordes sweeping down to the Channel ports; the nightmare is of a more subtle kind.

The Soviet Union is, for me, a symbol, ever present and forbidding, of the moral and intellectual bankruptcy of the totalitarian left. Marxism is a claustrophobic and depressing philosophy, and no nation which has built a political system upon its corrupt foundation has succeeded in escaping the shadows of the prison house.

When a group of countries which has thus rejected the basic principles of human dignity comes together and provides itself with the most powerful military machine in history, it is perhaps not surprising that some of us should exhibit symptoms of acute anxiety. For quite apart from the explicitly proselytizing content of Marxism-Leninism, the evidence of Russian intentions is too obvious to ignore. Even those who are apparently unable to believe that the apostles of international Communism really mean what they say must find it difficult to reconcile their perception of a defensive, pacific Soviet Union with the harsh reality of Berlin in 1953, Hungary in 1956, Czechoslovakia in 1968, and Afghanistan in 1979. Perhaps it will require Poland in 1981 to destroy their last illusion.

It is, however, not the infection outside which is the greatest concern: it is the cancer within. This is not primarily a matter of hostile agents and those who consciously provide them with aid and comfort—although we harbour enough people in both categories to give genuine cause for concern. The more deadly virus is that which has brought about the progressive decay of our national spirit. It is a pervasive and potentially mortal disease.

Its most corrosive form is the fashionable contempt for anything which contains a suggestion of patriotism, authority, tradition, or dignity. The police, the judiciary, the monarchy and Parliament have become objects of derision, and the targets of third rate comedians aspiring to be "satirists". We have come to accept "the establishment" as a term of abuse, as though it described some collection of odious and oppressive monsters.

Because they seek to establish and preserve the standards of a civilized society, they are reviled; those who degrade and debase those standards are often revered, especially by the young. In this systematic corruption of values, the press and the broadcasting organizations cannot be entirely exonerated. There are some editors, producers and journalists who arrogate to themselves the role of magisterial arbiter, as though there was some kind of symmetry between those responsible for the preservation of an orderly system and those who are bent upon destroying it. They have forgotten, or perhaps they never knew, that, in the words of a great *Times* editor of the past, "some things are evil, cruel and ugly, and no amount of fine writing will make them good, kind, or beautiful".

One of the side effects of this debilitating malaise is a detestation of excellence and the elevation of mediocrity into a way of life. This tendency manifests itself in rubbishy music, meaningless art, and shoddy kitchen sink drama; but its most damaging effects are to be seen and heard in our language—at its best one of the most flexible and expressive languages in the world. Style and elegance in the written or spoken word are now rejected as precious, affected, and "bourgeois". The BBC, once the model of clarity and grace upon which the standards of the English-speaking world were based, has been invaded by bands of illiterates who disfigure programme after programme with careless grammar, sloppy syntax and the strangled vowel-sounds of the resolutely uneducated.

All this might be—and in some places certainly will be—dismissed as the prejudices of a disenchanted elitist; but the decline in standards has a deeper significance. It is symptomatic of the reluctance of many people in this country—and elsewhere in the West—to defend and preserve the values of their society. For me, the most precious of these is individual freedom: the right of everyone to act according to his own will and conscience provided he does not infringe the right of others to do the same.

That freedom is constantly at risk, because civilization is the art of living together, and there must, therefore, always be balance and compromise.

Amid all the sound and fury about nuclear weapons, terrorism, subversion and the Soviet threat, it has been the defence and preservation of individual liberty which has been my abiding concern over these past 20 years. Those who complain that my voice has sometimes been uncomfortably strident should reflect that the sleep of reason is a false repose. Those who succumb to it, often awake in a barren landscape not easily distinguishable from that of a prison camp. Many nations have taken their people that way: none has yet come back.

Zimbabwe, now that the honeymoon is over

April 18 is the first anniversary of Zimbabwe's independence. In this, the first of six articles, Nicholas Ashford, *The Times* Southern Africa correspondent, describes how citizens and Government are learning to cope with the problems facing the country.

Salisbury

So much has changed in Zimbabwe since independence a year ago yet so much, superficially at least, appears to remain the same.

The black gardener weeding a croquet lawn by hand or the black maid who comes running at the tinkle of a hand-bell are reminiscent of the colonial era which preceded Mr Ian Smith's attempt to keep Rhodesia white for the next 1,000 years. Yet the likelihood is that the gardener and the maid are now members of one of the workers' committees which have been set up by factory workers, farm labourers and even domestic servants around the country.

These committees are not, in fact, as fearsome as they sound. In most cases committee members continue to show due deference to their employers but now feel able to negotiate collectively on matters such as pay and conditions of service.

But there are many visible signs of change. The pub in the little farming town of Enkeldoorn, once the meeting place for the area's predominantly Afrikaans-speaking farmers, is now patronized almost exclusively by blacks. The gun rack, where the white used to leave their shotguns and automatics before getting down to the serious business of drinking, is now empty except for a single umbrella. The white farmers still live in the area, but they drink at home.

Over in Melsetter, in the mountainous eastern region near the Mozambique border, a white forester is finishing repairs on his house which was burnt out by Mr Robert Mugabe's Zanla guerrillas during the independence war. The carpenter who is helping him to fix the roof is a former Zanla platoon commander who led a number of attacks on white farms farther north. There is no rancour between them, merely a shared desire to continue the country's return to normal.

The changes which have taken place since independence are most apparent in the cities—Salisbury, Bulawayo and Umtali. There are many more blacks in the streets than there used to be, they are better dressed and they have more money to spend. And they seem to hold their heads high as if to show that the country is now theirs. Perhaps one of the main achievements of independence has been to give blacks a new sense of pride.

Blacks are now doing many of the things that whites do. They mingle in hotel foyers (although there are still restaurants where black faces are rarely seen), drive smart cars and sit behind large desks. Black children are thronging to what were formerly white schools, a trend which has alarmed some white parents, particularly when they find their children are in the same classroom as their domestic servant's children.

On the whole the changes have taken place with little evidence of racial animosity, and incidents of blacks throwing their weight around or taunting whites have been relatively rare. "On the whole the blacks have shown themselves to be remarkably tolerant", commented a white civil servant.

Whites have also adapted well to their changed circumstances. Some of them openly concede that they are much better off under the present Government than they were under Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the former Prime Minister and now largely forgotten. A senior civil servant, who not long ago was fighting against Mr Mugabe's guerrillas but who now unblushingly talks about the "liberation war", epitomizes those whites who are trying to make a go of it in black Zimbabwe.

It would be wrong, however, to suggest that the majority of whites are enthusiastic about the changes. They are happy that the war has stopped and that many of them are benefiting from the country's booming economy. But they are worried about declining (from their perspective) standards of education and health, the wild rhetoric used by some ministers and the sharp deterioration in law and order.

Some whites have decided to quit. More than 17,000 did so last year and whites are now leaving at the rate of 2,000 a month. This is not the exodus which some people predicted at the time of independence but it represents an alarming loss of skills at a time when the country's development is crying out for more trained and experienced personnel.

The shortage of trained manpower represents one of the biggest problems facing the Government and will be an important constraint on future economic growth. Zimbabwe is fortunate in its number of qualified blacks, but there are not nearly enough and many lack the technical skills which are so badly needed. One multinational corporation has tried to overcome this problem by advertising for technicians in Britain—and was overwhelmed by 32,000 replies.

As Mr Mugabe begins his second year in office his main concern remains the same as it has been for the past 12 months—the need to satisfy black aspirations while at the same time retaining the confidence of the whites whose skills are required for the country's future economic stability.

So far he has managed to maintain this delicate balance with remarkable dexterity. However there are signs that a growing number of blacks are unhappy with his Government's performance and feel that Mr Mugabe has done more for whites than he has for them. It is not unusual these days to hear blacks make disparaging remarks about Government ministers: and it is not hard to understand their frustrations when, for example, the newspapers carry pictures of Mr Mugabe watching two white sides playing cricket at a Salisbury sports club.

Rising black discontent—which, it must be emphasized, in no way implies a threat to the Government at this stage—is due mainly to two factors: expectations were pitched far too high at the time of independence and many whites are seen to have retained their positions of privilege. There is also disquiet over what is perceived to be an abuse of position by some of the country's new leaders.

The men who led the country's revolution and who still speak of the need to eradicate the gap between rich and poor can now be seen buying large houses, dining in fashionable restaurants and driving about in Mercedes cars. There is widespread talk about foreign exchange fiddles and the lining of pockets by some now in authority.

It is, in fact, unfair to blame the Government for failing to grapple with the issues which most affect blacks. An enormous amount has been achieved since the fighting stopped, not least the fact that the hard-won peace has been consolidated during the Government's first year in office.

More than a million refugees and displaced persons have been resettled. Whole areas of the country which were virtually closed during the war have been opened up, roads have have been repaired and bridges rebuilt. Life in most tribal areas has returned to normal and many peasant farmers are planting crops again.

Some 400,000 people have benefited from the Government's emergency feeding programme. Tens of thousands of seed packs have been distributed so that peasants can produce their own food. Schools and clinics have been reopened, primary education is now free for about one million children and free health care has been introduced for people earning less than £100 a month. A minimum wage has been introduced.

These are enormous achievements for a country which has just emerged from seven years of civil war and for a Government which had no previous experience of administration. However the pressures will continue to build up for the Government to move faster towards creating a "socialist, egalitarian and democratic society".

Another problem confronting Mr Mugabe during his second year in office will be the continuing friction between his Zanu (PF) Party and the Patriotic Front led by Mr Joshua Nkomo, and more particularly between their respective armed supporters. But whereas a year ago this problem looked as though it could split the Government asunder and wreck Mr Mugabe's attempts at national reconciliation, it now looks more manageable.

The fact that Mr Mugabe's Government of national reconciliation has survived incessant squabbling between its two component parties as well as two major outbreaks of factional violence in Matabeleland is a sign that both Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo recognize the importance of avoiding an open rupture. There is also no doubt that Mr Mugabe has succeeded in consolidating his position by the swift and effective way he handled the insurrection in February by former Zipra guerrillas, supporters of Mr Nkomo.

The continuing process of integrating former Zanla and Zipra guerrillas into the new national army should help to reduce tension between the two factions. Eighteen integrated battalions have already been established and it is hoped the integration process will be completed by the middle of this year. There will always remain a danger, however, that a confrontation between Zanu (PF) and the Patriotic Front at a political level could provoke a factional split within the united army.

If the peace was consolidated and a start made on reconstruction during the first year of independence, the second year should provide a clearer idea of the direction in which the country is headed. Mr Mugabe and his ministers still pronounce their belief in socialism yet their present policies are decidedly social democratic ones. The recent economic White Paper entitled "Growth with Equity" provides little indication that they will be radically changed.

Many of the problems which the Government will have to tackle during the coming year will in fact be economic rather than political. How successful, for example, will it be in absorbing the huge amounts of foreign aid which will soon be flowing its way? How will it cope with inflation and the need to raise production? These will be the real test of the Government's ability to run the country efficiently now that the post-independence honeymoon period is over.

But you should have heard the way he told them

New York

I cannot remember if there was ever a book called *The Wit of Prince Philip* or whether it was just a satirical suggestion. Certainly *The Wit of President Reagan* would be a plumper volume. And funnier? Not proven.

The papers here made a great deal last week of how the President had joked constantly with relatives, aides, doctors and nurses after coming so well through his operation to remove the bullet after the assassination attempt. It began with his telling his wife, Nancy: "Honey, I forgot to duck." That shows at least what a long memory he has. The phrase was first used by the boxer Jack Dempsey after he was beaten by Gene Tunney in 1926.

Even when, his throat cluttered with tubes, he was unable to speak, Mr Reagan wrote his jokes down—risky, since some depend on delivery and timing for their effectiveness. He scored his biggest success with another old quotation, from the comedian W. C. Fields: "All in all," he wrote, "I'd rather be in Philadelphia."

Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love, is ambivalent about this joke, with its implication that although it is one of the most dreadful dumps the jester can think of, he would rather be there than where he is. It is not even fair: with its collection of eighteenth century buildings, it is one of the most interesting cities in the country.

Historians of humour are unclear where Fields got the quip from. Some believe it was made originally by one of Mr Reagan's predecessors, George Washington, who became dissatisfied with New York as the federal capital after he was chosen President in 1789. As a result of this chance remark, which he may have made to Alexander Hamilton, the capital was moved to Philadelphia.

A chronically restless man, Washington later made a joke that has survived less well: "Come to think of it, I'd rather be on the Potomac," he told Aaron Burr. It was then that the present-day capital was built and named after him.

Mr Reagan's sense of history showed through in another of the jokes he wrote on his pad. It was said to be a quotation from Winston Churchill, though I confess I have never come across it before. "There is no more exhilarating feeling than being shot without result."

The best humour is always laced with the sting of truth. The jest I enjoyed most may well have come from the presidential heart. "You'll be happy to know that the Government is running normally", an aide reported to him on the morning after the shooting.

"What makes you think I'd be happy about that?" he snapped back, as the official joke-recorders chuckled and scribbled it all down.

I know just what he meant. Since Mr Reagan has taken office, normal government has consisted chiefly of his aides squabbling about who is in charge. The insufferable Alexander Haig, always fussing about his status, had made another bid for power on the very day of the shooting, claiming precedence over people who in fact had precedence over him.



That was certainly government as usual and Mr Reagan was right to observe that he might not necessarily be happy about it. I noticed later that day, when he was asked whether Mr Haig should go ahead with his planned trip to the Middle East, he replied "Yes" with scarcely a thought. The joke scribes did not, on this occasion, tell us whether what he actually said was: "Yes, anywhere."

Commentators here have hailed all this merriment as a sign both of the President's courage—which it surely is—and of his spontaneous sense of humour, of which I am less convinced. My own belief that the jokes were written by a team of gag-writers in an adjoining hospital room was strengthened when a transcript came into my hands which has all the appearance of recording their deliberations. Here are some extracts from it, though I must emphasize that I do not vouch for the document's authenticity.

"Well, Jerry, how about a baseball joke?"

"No, Chuck, I don't think so. Nixon was always making baseball jokes and look what happened to him."

"That was football, Jerry. Carter made baseball jokes, but I take your point. Anyway, the season hasn't started yet."

"Don't forget, Chuck, that the eyes of the world are on us here in Washington. Foreigners never understand American sports, let alone jokes about them."

"I guess the same would apply to jokes about Philadelphia then, wouldn't it Jerry?"

"We can always fall back on those if we can't think of anything else. But with an international audience, why not a few about foreigners?"

"What . . ." (several expletives deleted). "Have you gone out of your tiny vaudeville mind? Don't you remember the New Hampshire primary last year when the boss nearly put himself out of the running by making a joke which offended Poles, Italians and Irish all in one go?"

"OK, Chuck, don't get your punch-lines in a twist. I remember that one well. One of my best. So how about George Bush?"

"He writes his own, like Ford did."

"No, I mean a joke about Bush. Couldn't we have the President writing on his pad: 'All right George, I know you did it'."

"If you're going to plumb such depths of taste how about making him ask Bush: 'Who was that lobbyist I saw you with last night?'"

"Nancy would veto it, Chuck. Wouldn't wash with the moral majority."

"There's always jelly beans, of course."

"I think we've been overplaying the jelly bean jokes. Washington is awash with jars full of them. Frankly, they're a drug on the market."

"I don't agree. You can never overdo a good thing. Why not have him say to Nancy: 'I never saw anyone throw a jelly bean quite so hard'?"

"Chuck, I think we're into bad taste there again. We mustn't have anything that directly refers to the shooting. People would be offended. Take my wife. . . ."

(Both together) "Please!"

"But seriously, Jerry, I don't agree. I think he *should* be talking about the shooting. It would make him seem relaxed, able to laugh about it. How about that old Lincoln joke?"

"Apart from that, Mrs Lincoln, how did you enjoy the play?"

"That's the one."

"Reagan couldn't say that to himself. It has to be said to him."

"We could do a variation: 'Apart from that, I had a very good lunch'."

"I don't like it much, Chuck. Don't forget he was lunching with trade unionists. They probably gave him hotdogs."

"So it looks like we're stuck with Philadelphia, Jerry. Have him write on his pad that W. C. Fields line about how he'd rather be there. It's not Woody Allen but it's in character and should be good for a titter. What's your next assignment, by the way?"

"I have to go to the Middle East with Haig and try to wring a few laughs out of that. I suppose the President will be asked if he still wants him to go there, and he'll answer. . . ."

(Both together) "Anywhere!"

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THE COST OF INVASION

…e unexpected appearance of …r Brezhnev in Prague lends …edence to the view that the …viet Union is now following …ith regard to Poland a pattern … behaviour it adopted during …e Czechoslovak crisis of 1968. …hen, as now, there were succes…ve Warsaw Pact summit meet…gs. Then, as now, there were …arnings in the Soviet press of …e danger to "proletarian inter…ationalism" and "the gains of …cialism". Then, as now, …arsaw Pact manoeuvres were …ld which both served as a …minder of Soviet power and …ft in place the machinery of …ilitary command for use in an …vasion.

But Poland in 1981 is not …echoslovakia in 1968. In …echoslovakia, pressures for …mocratic reform emerged with… the Communist Party: in …land the engine of change has …en the working class itself. …land's workers have expressed …eir aspirations first through …ontaneous but disciplined use … the strike weapon, then …rough the medium of Solid…ity. The Polish free trade union …w has over ten million paid-up …embers, and commands support …roughout the country. It has …come a powerful force, able to …egotiate with the Government … a responsible and organized …ody.

Solidarity and the Government …ave reached an accommodation …er the past nine months. It has …een a difficult, jerky process. …he Solidarity leader, Mr Lech …alesa, is under constant pres…re from more militant …olleagues, while the Party lea…er, Mr Kania, has to manoeuvre …gainst hardline colleagues wait…g to stab him in the back. None …e less the two sides have so …r achieved an understanding …hich leaves the apparatus of …e Communist state intact while …ccommodating trade union de…ands. The most remarkable example of compromise so far was the eleventh hour agreement a week ago which enabled Solidarity to call off its planned national strike.

This compromise appears to have alarmed the Russians, however. While undoubtedly relieved that Poland was not plunged into fresh chaos, Moscow evidently felt that the Polish authorities had made undue concessions, not least in agreeing to investigate the use of violence by police against Solidarity members at Bydgoszcz, and to punish those responsible. For the Russians, the security forces are sacrosanct, and any questioning of their authority is heresy.

There is considerable turmoil at the grassroots level of the Polish Party structure, with many rank and file members openly sympathizing with Solidarity. The Russians are clearly alarmed by this, and by signs that the forthcoming party congress in Poland might be organized on more or less democratic lines, with a secret ballot and a choice of candidates.

On the other hand, Poland is not in imminent danger of collapse, according to the criteria normally used by Moscow itself to judge the stability and reliability of an ally. The Polish commitment to the Warsaw Pact is not in question. Public order has not broken down. The Communist Party—while undoubtedly in a state of upheaval and regeneration—is none the less visibly in charge of the country's affairs.

The adoption by the Soviet Union of previously used "crisis management" procedures may therefore simply mean that Moscow wants to be in a position to intervene in Poland if it feels it has to do so. The American Secretary of Defence, Mr Caspar Weinberger, noted during his visit to London that Warsaw Pact forces have "increased their ability to stage a rapid military move", but added that there was no evidence that any such move was in the offing. The White House and the State Department seem to agree that military intervention is neither "justifiable" nor "imminent".

The Soviet Union has to take into account not only the differences between Poland and Czechoslovakia, but also the change in Western attitudes. In 1968 the response of the West to Soviet aggression was feeble. Twelve years on, the Western nations are much more alert, and much more ready to react sharply. Russia has herself contributed to this raised level of Western consciousness, by invading Afghanistan. Western sanctions against Moscow over Afghanistan have had a mixed record. But Poland is in the heart of Europe, a country with which both America and Western Europe have strong ties. It is, moreover, a country which has come very largely to depend on aid from the West, and is in debt to the tune of over twelve billion pounds. West Germany, which is otherwise anxious to maintain East-West détente, has indicated that internal repressions in Poland—let alone a Warsaw Pact invasion—would result in an immediate cessation of German credits to Poland.

The impact of any such drastic withdrawal of Western aid to Poland would ultimately fall, not on Poland, but on the Soviet Union. The Russians, who face acute economic shortages of their own, would then have to shoulder the burden of feeding Poland. They would also have to deal with a much more active and united resistance than they encountered in Czechoslovakia. The likely reaction of the West and the determination and spirit of the Poles together make the cost to the Soviet Union of invasion very high indeed.

…MOONIES AND THE LAW OF CHARITIES

…he jury which found for the …aily Mail in the libel action …rought against it by the …nification Church, or Moonies, …dded a rider to its verdict …alling for an investigation into …e charitable, and therefore tax …emitted, status of the church "on the grounds that it is a …olitical organization". The …harity Commissioners have …esponded. They find that the …vo organizations under the …mbrella of the Unification …hurch which are registered as …harities in Britain have objects …hich are exclusively charitable … law, and "there are no proper …ounds on which they could be …moved from the register". …hat conclusion relates to the …ggestion that the two bodies …e political rather than religious … purpose, and the conclusion …n be accepted without diffi…lty. There are a lot of peculiar …ligious groups around and …ways have been. They do not …come political or cease to be …ligious because they are …culiar. The law enjoins tolera…n in this matter, and society …ay all in all be grateful for it.

The Charity Commissioners …ent on however to note alle…tions about another aspect of the activities of the Unification Church: that impressionable young people are brainwashed, that they leave their homes and are subjected to a harsh regime, and in some cases make over property. "It is argued that this cannot be for the good of the community, and must be contrary to public policy, and that the advancement of a religion involved in such methods should not be a charitable purpose." Here the commissioners come to the heart of the matter, and suddenly they fade away. It is not, they say, a question that can be finally determined by them: it is one for the High Court or for legislation.

They have power to take a charity off the register, subject to review by the High Court. They also have power to institute investigation of a charity, including power to summon witnesses and take evidence on oath. In one such inquiry, concerning dissension in the sect of Exclusive Brethren, the purpose was to ascertain whether doctrines or practices of the sect were contrary to public policy, and if so whether they were so contrary to public policy as to render it non-charitable. The barrister conducting the inquiry found that one doctrine as interpreted and applied by one school of the sect was harsh and harmful and operated to disrupt family ties and other relationships; and that a religion based on such a doctrine cannot be regarded as charitable because its advancement, far from being beneficial, is inimical to the interests of society.

The commissioners—this was five years ago—did not follow the matter through in accordance with that finding. But the episode shows that they recognize a duty to investigate and perhaps to act when serious allegations of abuse are made. It also shows that a charity's practices may be so objectionable as to discolour its stated purposes and so affect their claim to be regarded as charitable.

The commissioners have a quasi-judicial function to perform, and are right therefore not to be stampeded by newspapers, or MPs, or juries. But they also have a regulatory function to perform, which is not discharged by waving in the direction of the High Court or Parliament.

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…lifelong Labour right-wing poli…ian and trade unionist has some …ice to offer to Mr Denis Healey … now he has probably offered it) …ut an appropriate reply to Mr …nn's intention to contest the …rty's deputy leadership election …the autumn. Mr Healey, he says, …uld escape from the left-wing …p he is now in. He should take … chance of the secretary-general…p of Nato as successor to Dr …eph Luns and spend his remain…: years in public life doing what …is best fitted to do and what he …foundly believes in.

…ther leading politicians have …de such choices. Lord Butler …ved the Commons farewell and …k the mastership of Trinity …llege, Cambridge; Mr Roy …nkins went to Brussels as Presi…t of the EEC Commission. But … combative Mr Healey, faced …h a direct challenge, is scarcely … man to avoid the pleasures of … political rough-house. It is the …ied Irishness still to be found …hin him.

…o western politician could be so …ll equipped for Nato. For six …rs he served as Defence Secre…y and earned the respect and …fidence of his peers in the …stern alliance and the military …ing a period of change. He has …de foreign and defence policy a …cial study throughout more than …ee decades in the Labour …earch department and at West…ster. As British politicians go, … is a good linguist. He has no …ficulty in answering every para…ph of the job specification.

…Yet, as Mr Benn has calculated, … Healey is firmly caught in a …t-wing trap, and unless he shows …nself willing to sell his soul for …ness of pottage he must see that … is now unlikely to be the natural …ccessor to Mr Michael Foot. He …ll almost certainly beat Mr Benn comfortably for the deputy leadership, but he could not carry a majority in any electoral college ballot for the leadership outside the Parliamentary Labour Party. Waiting for the leadership vacancy, he has the alternative of wearing a straitjacket fastened on him by the extra-parliamentary left or of speaking his mind and increasing his unpopularity among the trade unions and the constituency parties.

Already, his natural supporters drain away from the PLP and the constituencies as the Social Democrats gather support. Soon, little may be left for him beyond the personal protection of Mr Foot, which appears to be worthless. Mr Foot has a worse record as a latter-day appeaser than Neville Chamberlain in the late 1930s.

The Social Democrats will continue to be busy as walking and talking illustrations of the flaw at the heart of Mr Healey's brand of politics in the new day. On the essentials that caused them to leave the Labour Party, they are at one with Mr Healey. He, too, though like most politicians and voters nowadays with reservations, believes in the European Community, with British membership of it as a central point in foreign policy. He, too, believes in the nuclear deterrent and did not shrink from attending the ceremonial launching of Polaris submarines. He, too, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, practised a discreetly qualified socialism to preserve a mixed economy.

Mr Foot, for all his efforts to persuade Mr Benn to bide his time and help to sustain the superficial unity of the deeply divided Labour Party, believes in none of that. Mr Healey is necessary to him only as part of an appeasement policy—a proof that the Labour Party has worn, wears now, and will go on wearing a coat of many colours. Labour, as they say, is a broad church, and Mr Healey is intended to serve as the covenant for its breadth: all the way from nuclear virginity (multilateral because it would also include Nato), to our very own nuclear weapons so long as they remain effectual, and all the way from a siege economy to membership of the EEC.

By his engagingly candid demagogy in public, as well as his more dubious egoistic intriguing in private, Mr Benn continues to expose a Labour deception. It is this: Mr Benn characteristically says openly, with full confirmation from the Social Democrats, that the Labour Party has passed under new extremist control and is no longer a party in which politicians like Mr Healey may expect to be more than tethered goats to attract voters. Mr Foot wants to win the next general election on the Conservative Government's growing unpopularity, as all general elections are nowadays won. Social Democrats have gone a long way to spoil his tactics. He cannot now afford to be without the Healeys, the Peter Shores and the Roy Hattersleys prominently in his team.

In an important sense, there are still many, many more "social democrats" inside the PLP than outside it; and Mr Foot, unlike Mr Benn, understandably wants to make sure that they stay inside. Electorally, that makes sound sense. Every recent opinion poll shows that the middle band of voters has been, at least for the time being, immensely broadened by the two factors of unpopular Government policies and deepening splits and confusion within the alternative government party. Opinion poll profiles consistently show two narrowing bands on the right and left extremes, and a thick central band where votes are on the move, or in doubt, to the present advantage of Social Democrats and partly of the Liberals.

That may not last until the next general election comes. But it is clear that in both the main parties, the strategy and tactics being recommended by senior and experienced politicians is designed to harvest votes in the broad middle band where the Social Democrats and Liberals are now successfully sowing seed.

Incidentally, it ought to be easier for the Government to change tactics than for the Opposition, simply because they can pit deeds against words, and Prime Minister's or Cabinet decisions against block vote conference decisions. Take bets now on a radical change in the Chancellor's 20p a gallon increase on petrol. Nothing has recently narrowed the Government's electoral band more than that, and Sir Geoffrey Howe is under what looks like irresistible pressure to think again.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Religious charity law anomalies

From Mr W. G. S. Massey

Sir, The jury's comments on the "Moonies'" tax-free status as a charity (report, April 1), followed by the Charity Commissioners' defence of that status (report, April 4), highlight the present anomaly in which the law relating to religious charities finds itself. It is not open to the courts, having caused the anomaly, to cure it, but it is high time that Parliament did so.

"Charity in its legal sense comprises four principal divisions: trusts for the relief of poverty; trusts for the advancement of education; trusts for the advancement of religion; and trusts for other purposes beneficial to the community, not falling under any of the preceding heads" (per Lord MacNaughten in *Commissioners of Income Tax v Pemsel*, 1891).

The anomaly arises in the religious context because the courts have at the same time given an over-liberal interpretation to the word "religion" whilst adopting an unduly strict approach to the word "advancement".

On the one hand, the Court of Chancery has traditionally made "no distinction between one religion and another, or one sect and another, unless its tenets inculcate doctrines adverse to the very foundations of all religion and subversive of all morality" (Lord Romilly in *Thornton v Howe*, 1862, where charitable status was confirmed for a trust for the publication of the works of Joanna Southcote, a woman who believed she was with child by the Holy Ghost and would give birth to a second Messiah).

Though the Court may consider the opinions sought to be propogated foolish or even devoid of foundation, that is no bar to charitable status being afforded. This approach has resulted in recent years in a number of highly suspect organizations, of which the Moonies are but one example, claiming charitable and hence tax-free status on the basis that the cause which they espouse is a species of religion.

On the other hand, the court has been rigid in the extreme in holding that whatever so-called religion is adopted, that religion must not only be advanced but be seen and proved to be advanced. This means that branches of the Church of England and of the Roman Catholic Church, who do not actively go out and preach the word, the cloistered orders, whom both churches regard as an indispensable element of the religious community and as of great benefit to the community at large, whose activities smack far more of religion than do those of some of the recent "religious" movements, are denied charitable status.

The time has come to set the balance straight. The court has locked itself into a position whereby it cannot narrow the meaning of "religion" or relax its attitude on the meaning of "advancement" without the reversal of a number of cases of high authority. It is time for Parliament to step in.

Yours faithfully,
W. G. S. MASSEY,
4 Pump Court,
Temple, EC4.

Hero's resting place

From Mr S. Soboniewski

Sir, I am writing on behalf of the Council of Polish Ex-servicemen's Organisations, a collective body representing over 42,000 members of Free Polish Ex-servicemen's Associations and the views of many times that number of Free Speaking Poles in the Western world.

The present resting place of our Supreme Commander-General Sikorski is amongst his fellow airmen and paratroopers in Newark Cemetery and represents to all of us a symbol of our unceasing struggle for the liberation of our homeland. To permit the removal of his remains to a Russian-dominated Poland at this stage would be a betrayal of the thousands of Free Poles living in the West and would be succumbing to a political manoeuvre. The Communist-dominated Government of Poland for over 20 years tried to eradicate the name of General Sikorski from Polish history books and we unanimously feel that the remains of General Sikorski should be left undisturbed until Poland is governed by authorities chosen by the nation.

Yours faithfully,
S. SOBONIEWSKI,
President,
World Council of Polish
ex-Combatants Association,
240 King Street, W6.

Computer sensibility

From Professor D. F. Lawden

Sir, Having been startled to discover that computers can now do what I can do, namely mathematics and science, Bernard Levin (April 2) complacently assures us that we need have no fear that they will ever be able to feel emotions, and express them through poetry and music and perform other really creative works as he, and those he admires, can do. But a few years ago, he would probably have given long odds against their being able to play chess at master level and I can easily imagine the child Levin confidently dismissing as infantile my fantasy that men would walk on the moon.

I have information for Mr Levin which may not improve his insomnia. Some of us on the science side of the great divide between the two cultures, are already investigating (albeit at a very basic level) the problem of the relationship between material systems and consciousness and there is a journal devoted exclusively to these studies. The object of this enterprise is to determine the conditions under which a physical system begins to exhibit psychical properties and thus, ultimately, to rectify the deficiency in contemporary computing systems to which he draws attention. His emergence from the primordial dust cloud gives us confidence to believe that it can be done.

Yours truly,
D. F. LAWDEN,
Editor, Journal of Psychophysical Systems,
Department of Mathematics,
University of Aston in Birmingham,
Costa Green, Birmingham.

State's role in appointment of bishops

From Sir Harold Wilson, MP for Huyton (Labour)

Sir, In view of some recent comments on the position of the Prime Minister in relation to Church appointments it is important that the facts be made clear.

In the early months of 1976, discussions were proceeding between the church authorities and the 10 Downing Street official responsible for these matters, about the changes which the Church wanted to see implemented. The proposal was that the Church, including laymen's representatives, should agree on two names, the first clearly being the favoured nominee. In this respect, the procedure would be somewhat similar to a diocesan bishop's role in the appointment of a suffragan bishop. In February, representatives, lay and clerical, came to see me and I suggested that, whenever he considered it necessary, the Prime Minister should be free to ask for a third name—and that in any case he should not be committed to selecting and submitting the first.

One reason for insisting on this is that the Prime Minister's nomination to her Majesty should not be a formality, if only because of the obvious fact that certain bishops would, by virtue of the see in question, be automatically members of the House of Lords, and thus members of the legislature, and that others might in time achieve that position by seniority.

In consequence, agreement was reached, and the new arrangements were subsequently announced by my successor, Mr Callaghan. (The facts have been set out in my book *Final Term*, p 224.)

The suggestion of two nominations, with Downing Street committed to selecting the first, had much in common with what is generally understood to be the position with suffragans. Here the diocesan bishop normally puts forward two names, and the usual practice, though not binding, is to select the first. (I think I am right in saying that the second was usually not even told that his name had been forwarded.)

Strangely, the records, I understand, show that Gladstone, not usually Queen Victoria's favourite premier, whether on church or political matters, on one occasion recommended the appointment of the second of the two names, and, surprisingly, the Queen agreed.

Yours faithfully,
HAROLD WILSON,
House of Commons, SW1.
April 4.

From Mr E. C. Gater

Sir, The view expressed by Canon Oestricher (April 2) concerning the method of appointment of bishops ignores what might be called "the silent majority", a phrase apt to describe the large numbers of English men and women who have always believed themselves to be members of the Anglican Church despite their reluctance to participate in Church affairs.

The existence of this group of major importance was at least recognized by the 1972 Report of the Archbishop's Commission on Church and State. The Commission judged the relationship between Church and State to be not merely a matter of law and history (although it is clearly both) but something springing from the whole relationship between Church and community.

The appointment of a bishop is symbolic of that relationship, as such appointments are made not only for the narrow membership of the Church but also for those people who, although baptized as Anglicans, do not appear to practise their beliefs. Most of that number expect to be married in church, to have their children baptized and confirmed, and to have an Anglican burial service. The way in which the Church of England conducts itself, and those who are appointed as leaders of that Church, are matters which affect those outside as well as those whose commitment is more clearly declared.

It was on this basis that the General Synod of the Church of England accepted the present method of episcopal appointment, which reserved to the Prime Minister the right (I should prefer to say duty) to ask for a second name or indeed to reject both the Church candidates and to ask for other nominations. In this role the Prime Minister acts as a kind of national spokesman who has the duty of seeing that those appointed as Bishops are acceptable to a broad spectrum and can meet national as well as ecclesiastical needs.

I for one am pleased to see that these important appointments will not be filled by convention and that the Prime Minister's constitutional prerogative of advice to the monarch in such matters has been preserved. It will also mean, perhaps, that the Crown Appointments Commission will be more adventurous in their choice of candidates which can only be beneficial to the interests of the Church.

Yours faithfully,
E. C. GATER,
32 Eton Square,
Eton,
Berkshire.
April 3.

Race commission inquiry

From Mr James Hunte and others

Sir, We note that the subcommittee on race relations and immigration of the Home Affairs select committee has decided to make its next inquiry into the "operation and effectiveness of the Commission for Racial Equality".

Parliament, in passing the 1976 Race Relations Act, gave birth to the Commission for Racial Equality and was greeted by ethnic minorities in this country with cynicism coupled with hope. The cynicism sprang from earlier Acts of Parliament against racial discrimination, first introduced by the then Home Secretary, Roy Jenkins, now a leading Social Democrat, in 1965. Ethnic minorities welcomed this particular Act, in spite of various shortcomings, in that it recognized that racial prejudice and discrimination were sufficient in British society to seriously damage equal rights and opportunity for black people in this country.

This law was further strengthened in 1968, but at the same time the retrogressive measures of immigration control damaged all the positive effects the law could have given in giving structural support to those opposed to racism.

Over the past decade British governments have been more concerned with black immigration control than with the promotion of human rights of black people living in this country. It is not surprising, therefore, that the Commission for Racial Equality was stillborn.

For all its weaknesses and structural deficiencies the commission was never given full support by either central government or local government, despite the powers Parliament gave it. Indeed the Home Office, the commission's paymaster, brought a High Court action against the commission for daring to use its powers to investigate its immigration policies after virginity tests were carried out on immigrants arriving at Heathrow airport. It was the judiciary that eventually supported the CRE in upholding the powers Parliament originally gave them to investigate such matters.

Hillingdon are presently bringing a High Court action against the Commission for Racial Equality to prevent them from investigating their housing policies, after their council's housing chairman in 1978 put a Kenyan Asian family in a taxi for the Foreign Office with instructions that the family should ask Whitehall to house them.

Clearly, then, the authorities do not want the commission to exercise its powers as vigorously as we in the black community would wish, since we are all familiar with covert and overt racism. We have been fiercely critical of the Commission for Racial Equality with regard to their overall effectiveness in eliminating racial discrimination in this country, and will continue to be highly critical until this body puts its house in order nationally and regionally by operating under less bureaucratic and more radical structures.

The spotlight, in our opinion, nevertheless should be turned on those persons within our powerful government departments, both centrally and locally, whose support for the Commission for Racial Equality's aims in securing the rights of ethnic minorities is at best minimal and at worst hostile.

The select committee will be doing race relations a far better service by inquiring into the effectiveness of central and local government authorities' attitudes towards eliminating racial injustices than by making the Commission for Racial Equality a scapegoat for their lack of political will and effort.

Yours, sincerely,
JAMES HUNTE,
D. DRYDEN,
OWEN HENRY,
RUDY NARAYAN,
O. OSBORNE,
W. TRANT,
CLARENCE THOMPSON,
GREG GEORGE,
GEORGE BERRY,
160 Leonards Road,
Handsworth, Birmingham.

Support for Attingham

From the Director of the Attingham Summer School Trust

Sir, Your report (April 4) of Dr Strong's refusal to allow junior members of the Victoria and Albert Museum to receive scholarships for the Attingham Summer School this year makes sad reading.

There are all too few chances for young museum staff to widen their interests and to meet colleagues from America and Europe. The Attingham Summer School was founded 30 years ago to bring the importance of the English country house and its contents to the attention of American museum curators and university teachers. Lecturers from museums and universities throughout this country, including the Victoria and Albert Museum, to whose staff we are immensely grateful, have given the course a sound reputation and it is well known in American museum and preservation circles.

It is now a charitable trust and the gift of funds and voluntary help have enabled us to make more places available for British members. This year we have offered three scholarships for regional museums, won by candidates from Glasgow, Manchester and Salisbury. It was hoped that, as in previous years, the V and A Associates would pay for two young people, chosen from some 15 candidates who wished to apply.

It is regrettable that V and A members are now excluded. Miss Lowenthal's successful efforts to save the Slide Library, shared by prominent art historians in the columns of the *Burlington Magazine* last month, have no connexion with the programme of the Summer School.

One point made by the Press Office of the V and A calls for reply. At no time has there been any "animosity at Attingham towards the V and A's educational programme". On the contrary, we have enjoyed the best possible relations with the museum under Sir Leigh Ashton, Sir Trenchard Cox and Sir John Pope-Hennessy and there has hardly been a year in which a member of the V and A has not taken part in the Attingham programme. The final paragraph of Dr Strong's letter, "I would like us to have a liaison. Doubtless when a new President is appointed you will let me know", makes it clear that his objection is not to Attingham, as such, but to Miss Lowenthal's letter to *The Times*.

This letter has been read to, and approved by, the following Patrons and Members of the Council: Mr A. M. G. Galliers-Pratt, the Dowager Countess of Radnor, Sir John Summerson, Dr Kenneth Garlick, Dr J. F. Hayward, Mr John Cornforth, Mr St John Gore, Mr John Cushion, Mr Gervase Jackson-Stops.

Yours faithfully,
HELENA HAYWARD,
36 South Street, W1.
April 5.

Suitable home for Tunnicliffe works

From the President of the National Museum of Wales

Sir, I should like to express my gratitude for the space you have given to the recent correspondence which has been prompted by the proposal to sell at public auction the late Charles Tunnicliffe's measured drawings and sketchbooks. The National Museum of Wales has so far refrained from making any public statement because the museum has no *locus* in the matter. Nevertheless, in view of the obvious public anxiety about the future of the collection and its possible dispersal I would like to clarify the position of the Museum.

It is obvious that an institution like the National Museum of Wales should consider the drawings and sketchbooks to be of considerable importance both for their artistic quality and for their significance for ornithological studies in general and in Wales in particular, and the museum would wish to assist in every way within its power to ensure that as much as possible of the material can be kept intact as a collection.

The President of the Royal Academy has expressed the view that the National Museum of Wales would be an appropriate home for the collection and I would like to confirm the museum's readiness to act as the national repository for the drawings and sketchbooks and to look after them as part of its permanent collections if suitable arrangements can be made for their acquisition. The museum is one of the very few national institutions in Britain which caters for both art and science and for that reason has collections of fine art and zoology.

The museum will soon open a new branch, an interpretative centre at Llanberis in Gwynedd, which contains a gallery designed specifically for the display of pictures and drawings of high quality. It would seem most appropriate to be able to display Tunnicliffe's works in purpose built accommodation within 20 miles of the village in which he prepared his drawings and in an area which receives thousands of visitors—students included—with interest in the wildlife of our countryside.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM CRAWSHAY, President,
National Museum of Wales,
Cathays Park, Cardiff.

Aspect of Beverley Minster

From Mr Richard Wilson

Sir, Mr David Crease (April 2) quotes the Hull School of Architecture report. He did not reveal that it firmly states that the entire south elevation of Beverley Minster should remain open. This open aspect to the south is what is distinctive about the setting of Beverley Minster.

Mr Crease also knows that no one has ever opposed the co-operative's plan to restore their street: indeed, many have fought for it. It is dismaying to find therefore that a third of the street has been sold by the council for speculative development designed by Mr Crease.

Without proper public discussion and in the face of almost total opposition when the plans were revealed, a fifth of the St Andrews Street community is being dumped into the meadow to the south of Beverley Minster, some distance from their original homes.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WILSON,
92 Fentiman Road, SW8.
April 2.

Sexual equality

From Mrs P. M. Hurford

Sir, Even the chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission manages to miss the point in part of her otherwise splendid letter (March 28). She suggests that boys deserve the chance to learn domestic science skills so that they may become better husbands and fathers.

Of course boys should be encouraged to learn domestic skills; but the aim of this must be to increase their own independence and satisfaction as people. It is a bonus when this helps them as husbands and fathers too.

Do let us avoid casting men into roles just as we are striving to free women from this. Role-casting diminishes the opportunities for men and at the same time undermines the possibilities for women—for the two are indeed interdependent.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA M. HURFORD,
Broom House,
St Bernard's Road,
St Albans,
Hertfordshire.
March 28.

Balance of power

From Professor R. M. Hardisty

Sir, Sir John Boreham (April 2) underestimates the incidence of his powerful dates: there are in fact 57 (not 39) days in every century when the day, raised to the power of the number of the month, equals the last two digits of the year. So much for government statistics!

But today's babies have a much more exciting date to look forward to: November 2, 2048. This will be the first occasion since March 12, 1728 on which the answer to Sir John's sum is the whole year, and not merely its terminal digits.

Yours faithfully,
R. M. HARDISTY,
The Hospital for Sick Children,
Great Ormond Street, WC1.

The first split

From Mr Ivor Lucas

Sir, Is there already a split in the new Social Democrat Party? The photograph on the front page of your March 27 issue shows Messrs Jenkins, Owen and Rodgers wearing SDP badges on the left, while Mrs Williams has hers pinned on the right.

Yours faithfully,
IVOR LUCAS, Ambassador to Oman,
British Embassy,
Muscat.
March 29.



COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 4: The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this afternoon attended a Thanksgiving Service to celebrate the Award Scheme's 25th Anniversary at St Paul's Cathedral.
Lord Rupert Nevill was in attendance.
April 5: The Duke of Edinburgh, as an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Windsor and Eton, this evening attended a Gala Charity performance to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Club at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, where His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Colonel the Hon Gordon Palmer).
Major John Cargin was in attendance.

Lord Frederick Windsor, son of Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, is two today.
Princess Grace of Monaco will attend the Red Cross Ball to be held on Tuesday, July 7, at the Hotel Inter-Continental.
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Rhyl will be held at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, Thursday, May 7, at noon.

Birthdays today
Miss Joan Carlyle, 50; the Right Rev Dr L. M. Charles-Edwards, 79; Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, 71; Mr Julian Faber, 64; Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Hughes Hallett, 83; Sir Philip Moore, 60; Lord Newton, 66; the Duke of Northumberland, 67; Mr Andre Previn, 52; Lord Winterbottom, 68; the Most Rev Dr Frank Woods, 74.

Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Friday, June 5, 1981. Those intending to be present are asked to apply for tickets to Regimental Headquarters, Welsh Guards, King's Buildings, Dean Stanley Street, London SW1P 3JQ, marking the envelope "Thanksgiving Service" and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, by not later than Friday, May 15.

West Downs School
Mr Andrew Morrison, House Tutor at Charterhouse, has been appointed Headmaster of West Downs Preparatory School from September, 1981 in succession to Mr Jerry Cornes, who retires after 27 years.

Premium Bond winners
Winning numbers in the weekly draw for £100,000, £50,000 and £25,000 Premium Savings Bond prizes, announced on Saturday are:
£100,000: No RL 751721 (winner lives in Buckinghamshire); £50,000: 16VZ 085063 (Glasgow); £25,000: 4VL 689055 (South Yorkshire).

Latest wills
Mr Frank Wilson Barrett, of Ifield, Sussex, actor and grandson of Wilson Barrett, the Victorian actor-manager, left estate valued at £104,034 net.
Dr William Gregory Marley, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire, former head of health physics department, AERE, Harwell, and chief radiological safety officer of the authority's research group, left estate valued at £81,507 net.
Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Budgett, Mr Arthur Walter Morland, of Iddesleigh, Devon £262,794
Butterworth, Mr John of Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester £133,446
Lang, Mrs Muriel Grace, of Northwood, London .. £210,426
Lipman, Mr Lionel, of Leeds, West Yorkshire £179,909
Turner, Mrs Ann Josephine Stanleigh, of Hove, Sussex .. £242,986

Dr Leonard carries the burden of great expectations

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

Whatever the merits of the way the decision was reached, the Church of England has in Dr Graham Leonard a man with the capacity to be a great Bishop of London; the most his strongest critics would say, is that it would be the wrong sort of greatness. His supporters look to the future with enthusiasm and excitement. He is precisely the man they were looking for.

It is no accident, in fact, that the detailed specification drawn up by the Vacancy in See Committee of the London Diocese fits him like a glove, as he was uppermost in the minds of those who drafted it. As the date of the retirement of Dr Gerald Ellison, a formidable man himself, drew nearer, it was plain that Dr Leonard's name would dominate the issue. He now carries the burden of great expectations.

The tension behind his appointment is a manifestation of the tension in the Church of England itself, between conservative and liberal tendencies, a division that has begun to take over from the old High Church-Low Church or Anglo-Catholic-evangelical polarity.

Dr Leonard, a conservative Anglo-Catholic, finds himself in the company of conservative evangelicals against liberal Anglo-Catholics and liberal evangelicals. It is not so remarkable, therefore, that his selection was warmly welcomed both by the Church Society, the main Anglican evangelical organization, and by the Archdiocese of Westminster.

Cardinal Hume should get on well with him, and there is a mutually stimulating relationship ahead for the two leaders of the two largest churches in the capital.

But there is more to Dr Leonard than a summary of his attitudes on currently contentious matters, and his place as the most conspicuous figure among the conservative Anglo-Catholic group.

He is an intellectual, with the shyness misunderstood as coldness by those who are not familiar with him at close range. The warmth felt by those who know him well is a bit of a surprise at first, as is his refusal to dismiss the views of those he disagrees with. He is accused of being inflexible, but he is a good listener.

He was asked early last week what he thought about his reputation as a hard man, and said it must have something to do with his eyebrows.

Asked about homosexuality among the clergy, he refused to get the problem out of proportion and described it as "pastoral", requiring an individual approach rather than a public condemnation. He thought the Church of England might well one day accept women for ordination; but he doubted if he would ever come to terms with it.

He disclosed a hitherto unsuspected passion for church unity, and regretted that he always seemed to be putting obstacles in the way. He smokes a pipe, enjoys a joke, and occasionally seems to be bubbling with suppressed pleasure. Talking about his years in Truro, one of the furthest dioceses from London, he enthuses about his personal relationships with Free Church people.

If Truro was a period of exile, as has been suggested, he seems to have borne it without a shred of resentment towards whoever was responsible, in spite of the almost impossible life he had to lead as one of British Rail's best long-distance customers.

He combined his leadership of the church in Cornwall with the chairmanship of the Board for Social Responsibility, a job he has no intention of giving up, and that required him to be at Church House sometimes as often as twice a week. If he is hard, he is hard on himself.

The board staff like him, even when he is being, as they sometimes say, "difficult".

The real problem he faces in London, he said, is in the realm of the spirit. There was an anonymity in large cities that had broken down the sense of community; and there was a remoteness from the experience of nature that came to those who lived in the countryside.

Those factors put God at a distance, leaving people to feel they were on their own in a not very friendly environment.

He hoped he could have an impact, and would not be content to leave the spiritual state of London much as he found it. And it is in that realm, it can be said, that Dr Leonard is most comfortable: the controversies are things that have happened to him rather than things he has made happen.

Except, of course, that in every case he could have compromised, and did not think it right to do so. He is, in a nutshell, sure of himself.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. Howard and Miss C. Culverwell
The engagement is announced between Greville Howard, of Castle Rising, Norfolk, and Mary Cortlandt, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Culverwell, of Bridges Court, Luckington, Wiltshire.

Mr L. Robey and Miss T. Jenkins
The engagement is announced between Lance, younger son of the late Mr Kevin Robey and Mrs Margaret Robey, of Sydney, Australia, and Trudy, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. F. Jenkins, of Surrey.

Marriages

Captain J. M. J. Balfour and Miss C. M. G. Laing
The marriage took place in Forres on Saturday, April 4, between Captain James Balfour, The Royal Green Jackets, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Balfour, of Wintershill Hall, Durley, Hampshire, and Miss Carolyn Laing, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander Grant Laing, of Logie, Moray.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Elizabeth Stuart, Charlotte Broke, Catherine Brodie, Alexander Scott and Guy Tregoning.

Mr C. C. Townsend and Miss G. A. Clarkson Webb
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St James, Burton, Cumbria, between Mr Christopher Campbell Townsend, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Eric L. Townsend, of Sandford Orcas, Sherborne, Dorset, and Miss Georgina Anne Clarkson Webb, eldest daughter of Major and the Hon Mrs Nigel Clarkson Webb, of Buckstone House, Carnforth, Lancashire. Bishop Victor Pike officiated, assisted by the Rev T. W. Coles and the Rev Martin W. Garner.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory silk in Edwardian style with a full train and a family veil of Honiton lace held by a pearl band. She carried a bouquet of orchids, freesias and cream roses. Lucinda Hensman, Victoria Simpson, Oliver Peppé, Paul Richardson, Miss Carolyn Clarkson Webb (sister of the bride), Miss Alison Townsend (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Anne Clarkson Webb and Miss Elizabeth Bowker attended her. Mr Alastair Tomkin was best man.
A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Air Vice-Marshal G. C. Lamb and Mrs M. M. Mepham
The marriage took place quietly at Horsham, Sussex on April 3 of Air Vice-Marshal G. C. Lamb and Mrs Maureen Margaret Mepham.

Requiem Mass

Sir Charles Hallinan
The Lord Lieutenant of the County of Glamorgan and Lady Traherne attended a memorial requiem Mass for Sir Charles Hallinan celebrated on Saturday at the Church of St Mary of the Angels, Cardiff, by the Archbishop of Cardiff, Dom Charles Hallinan, OSB (son), Dom Nicholas Holman, OSB (brother-in-law), Abbot of Fort Augustus, Father Patrick Purnell, SJ, and Father Michael Holman. The Speaker read the lesson and Lord Justice Watkins, VC, read from Psalm 114. Mr James Callaghan, MP, was represented by Lord Brooks of Tremorfa. The Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Cardiff, and the Chairman of the South Glamorgan County Council attended. The Secretary of State for Wales was represented by Mr Michael Roberts, MP. Others present included:
Lady Hallinan (widow), Sir Lincoln and Lady Hallinan (son and daughter-in-law), Major John Hallinan (son), Mrs Georgina Moore (daughter), Mr Charles Hallinan, Mr Luke Hallinan, Miss Teresa Hallinan, Miss Julia Hallinan, [illegible] (grandchildren), [illegible].
The Dowager Countess of Plymouth, Lord Gibson Watt, Lady Brecon, Lord Leonard, Sir Godfrey Llewellyn, Sir Raymond Gower, MP, and Lady Gower, Sir William and Lady Crawshay, Sir Julian and Lady Hodge, Sir Alun Talfan Davies, QC, and Lady Talfan Davies, Sir James Lyons, Lady Ferguson Jones, Judge and Mrs Hywel ap Robert, Judge John Rutter, Judge David Williams, QC, Mr Roderic Bowen, QC, the Dean of Llandaff, Mr Michael Roberts MP, Mr Ian Grist, MP, (representing the President of the Association of Conservative Clubs), and representatives of the Wales Area and Cardiff West Conservative and Unionist Associations, the Royal British Legion, Cardiff City Council and the Cardiff and District Law Society.

Lord Mayor of London
The following are some of the Lord Mayor's engagements this week:
Today: Receives the Mayor of Durban, South Africa, Mansion House, 4.
Tomorrow: Presides at Court of Aldermen, Guildhall, 12.15.
Wednesday: Attends John Stow commemoration service at the Church of St Andrew Undershaft, St Mary Axe, 11.30.
Thursday: Receives the Governor of Colorado, United States, and Mrs Lamm, Mansion House, 10.
Friday: Attends United Guilds service, St Paul's Cathedral, noon.

Royal help for Tudor ship
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has joined other members of the Royal Family in supporting the attempt to raise the Tudor warship Mary Rose, off Southsea, Hampshire. She has made a personal donation to the trust formed to raise the warship.

Today's engagements
The 175th birthday anniversary of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Great Western Royal Hotel, Paddington Station, a cake model of Brunel's Clifton Suspension Bridge arrives at Paddington, 11.43.
Livery hall open day: Merchants Taylors' Hall, Threadneedle Street, 2.15.
Talks: Assyrian kings at war: Ashurnasirpal II victorious; David Williams, British Museum, 11.30; Leonardo da Vinci and Romantic versus Classic Art, No 8, Constable, National Gallery, 1; Robert Anderson speaks about Elgar's *Enigma Variations*, Waterloo Room, Festival Hall, 5.55; Copley and Wright, eighteenth-century Modernists; Monica Seymour, Tate Gallery, 1.
Lunchtime music: Passiontide Motets by Monteverdi and Couperin, Elisabeth Priday, soprano, Timothy Day, organ, St Andrew by the Wardrobe, Queen Victoria Street, 1.15; Mary Harrison, piano recital, St Lawrence Jewry, 1: Organ recital, by Thomas Trotter, St Michael, Cornhill, 1
Chairman of the GLC visits Redbridge, 2.30.

Both sides claim victory in farm price deal

Farming and food
Hugh Clayton

"The fixing by the Ten of farm prices by the deadline of April 1", *Le Monde* said on its front page on Thursday, "definitely marks a success" for President Giscard d'Estaing. The British, who could have made trouble for M Méhaignerie, the French Minister of Agriculture, refrained from doing so".

M Méhaignerie said in Brussels that he had concluded a swift and adequate agreement because the British side had abandoned its customary tiresome filibustering: French sources said their government's failure to secure a revaluation of the green pound was of small importance against its success in securing a change in the value of the green Deutschmark.

That was not quite how it appeared to Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. "I would remind you that both the French President and the French Minister of Agriculture said their number one aim in the price-fixing was to obtain a revaluation of the green pound", he said.

By the time he and the French minister had made their comments the process of fixing EEC farm prices had become reminiscent of a fairground slot machine of the type marked "a prize every time".

"We did obtain everything I listed in the House of Commons as what we required with the exception of the super-levy", Mr Walker explained. The super-levy is a tax on surplus production of milk.

The minister thought he had successfully beaten off an attempt by the French government to cut the incomes of British farmers by forcing through a revaluation of the green pound.

Many of the reactions were predictable. Although the headquarters of the National Farmers' Union is more than two miles away, the purrs of satisfaction from that establishment were almost audible from The Times building after the Brussels settlement had been announced.

The union, which had stuck relentlessly and noisily to a policy of "not a penny less than 15.3 per cent on EEC prices" for weeks before the ministers met, made no reference to that figure when the result of only 9.4 per cent was announced.

It knew it had done well to secure such an increase in the present economic climate

Royal engagements
The following engagements for May have been announced from Buckingham Palace:
5 to 7: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will pay a state visit to Norway.
9: The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will inaugurate the oil terminal at Sullom Voe in the Shetland Islands; The Prince of Wales, chairman, Mountbatten Trust, accompanied by Lady Diana Spencer, will open the Mountbatten Exhibition at Broadlands, Romsey, Hampshire.
11: The Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Royal Academy of Arts dinner at Burlington House.
13: The Queen will visit the Wood Green Shopping City.
14: The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will present new Colours to the 1st Battalion, the Welsh Guards and attend a garden party in Victoria Barracks, Windsor.
18: The Duke of Edinburgh, as an honorary fellow of the Zoological Society of London, will visit Whipsnade Zoo, The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Chelsea Flower Show.
19: The Duke of Edinburgh will present the Design Council's 1981 awards at the Festival Hall, later, as patron and trustee, he will attend a reception at Buckingham Palace for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and attend a court dinner of the Saddlers' Company, at Saddlers' Hall; The Prince of Wales will attend the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association silver jubilee dinner at the Connaught Rooms.
20: The Duke of Edinburgh, as Captain General of the Royal Marines, will take the salute at the disbandment ceremony of 41 Commando Royal Marines at South Barracks, Deal, Kent; The Queen will give a reception at Buckingham Palace for members of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association to mark their silver jubilee reunion; The Prince of Wales will open the "Royal Westminster" Exhibition at the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, Great George Street.
21: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit South Woodham Ferrers New Town, Essex; The Prince of Wales will open the offices of the Cotswold District Council at Cirencester, Gloucestershire; The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron of the London Rowing Club, will watch a row past and then attend a reception at the London Rowing Club, Putney.
22: The Prince of Wales will visit Tetbury Hospital, Tetbury, Gloucestershire. The Prince of Wales, president, will attend the annual general meeting of the Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire.
26 to 28: The Duke of Edinburgh, as president elect of the World Wildlife Fund, will carry out engagements in London in connexion with the fund.
27: The Prince of Wales will be clothed with the livery of the Goldsmith's Company and will lunch with members of the court at Goldsmiths' Hall; The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the British Museum (Natural History), to mark the museum's centenary, in South Kensington.
28: The Prince of Wales will visit Twickenham as part of the town's 900th anniversary celebrations; The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the annual gala of the English National Opera to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary.
29: The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will visit Cambridge to open Robinson College and to open the Edinburgh building of the Cambridge University Press; The Prince of Wales will visit Colderstones Hospital, Whalley, Blackburn, Lancashire and later will attend a gala performance at the Blackpool Grand Theatre, Blackpool, Lancashire.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
CAPTAINS: J. F. Woodward, to be promoted Rear-Admiral, July 7, and to be Flag Offr Submarines and Comsubeastlant in Sept 1981; J. P. Loughnan, MOD(PE) with DGW(N), DSWS, Aug 7.
SURGEON CAPTAIN: C. O. Le C. Hughes, for duties at CDE Porton Down, May 5
COMMANDERS: R. H. Chapman, MOD with DNW, Sept 8; D. B. Marsergh, MOD with DGNMT/DNMP, May 27; N. C. H. James, Bulwark in Cmd, April 30; R. F. Cobbold, Nelson for staff of FOF1 as SOO, July 21; J. G. Marec, MOD with DNAP, Sept 2; C. L. Pelloy, Defiance as DCFM Devonport, March 26; J. P. W. Middleton, Warrior as OSO(E) to FOSM, Sept 11; G. T. Baynes, Defiance with CFM Devonport as Base Engr Off (SM), March 26; A. P. E. Ling, MOD as Secy to DGNMT, June 2; H. N. S. Turnoe, Drake as Secy to FO Plymouth, July 14; R. C. Paine, Drake as Secy to FOF2, Aug 20; C. D. Leary, Bristol as Supply Offr, Aug 14; J. W. Hickman, Warrior as Fleet Legal and Admin Offr on staff of CINCFLEET, Aug 18; D. R. M. Philpott, MOD with DNOM, Sept 1; J. M. Phillips, for duty with MOD (Central Staffs), June 8; M. A. R. Tilley, MOD with DES(N), April 22; J. G. Ferrie, MOD with DG Ships, June 26; D. M. Johnson, to be Snr Offr Submarines Bldg, April 1; R. S. Langton, for staff of FONAC, May 11.
SURGEON COMMANDER (D): G. B. Keeble, Institute of Naval Medicine as OIC, Dec 18.
CHAPLAINS: Rev R. Thomas, HMNB Rosyth with MCM Sqdn and Fishery Protection Sqdn, June 26; Rev R. Nurton, Royal Arthur, June 19; Rev D. N. Baxter, Antrim, July 2.
Retirement
CAPTAIN: W. E. C. Perkins, June 6.

The Army
GENERAL: Sir John Stainer, UKLF as CinC, April 6.
LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: H. A. J. Reay, MOD as DGAMS, April 5.
BRIGADIER: G. Read, MOD DGAT as FGS(CD), April 10.
COLONELS: P. R. Duffell, MOD DMO as Col GS MO5, April 10; D. N. Morton, QEMH Woolwich as Matron/ADANS London and East Dists, April 6; J. A. P. Russell, SHAPE(BAE) as Chief Spec Proj Branch P&P Div, April 8; G. C. Verdon, AAC Harrogate as Comdt, April 10; D. E. Whatmore, Int Centre as Col GS(CI), April 11.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: R. H. Chappell QUEENS, Soff as Pamphlet Ed, April, 1981; W. A. Le Blanc-Smith 4/7 DG, RSA Larkhill as GSO1 BGCC, April 6; D. W. Lee RADC, 1 Dent GP/BAOR as Dental Off, April 9; I. W. McLaughlan SG, 1SG as CO, April 9; A. F. A. Parsons RRF, DCT as GSO1(W) C&T11, April 10; A. J. M. Pervical CHESHIRE, RAC Centre as GSO1 BGTT, April 8; M. J. T. Wardroper 6GR, BMATT Zimbabwe as GSO1 DS, April 10.
Retirements
GENERALS: Sir Hugh Beach, April 7; Sir Timothy Creasey, April 6; Sir Robert Ford, April 7.
MAJOR-GENERAL: M. J. H. Walsh, April 7.
BRIGADIERS: J. N. Ghika, April 9; M. J. D. Perrett-Young, April 8.
COLONEL: G. M. Chirnside, April 6.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAIN (Acting rank Air Commodore): R. C. Allen, MOD as D of DP(A), April 11.
GROUP CAPTAINS: R. H. Palin, RAF Wildenrath as Stn Cdr, March 27; R. Watson, HQSTC for air staff duties, March 27; K. J. Lovell, RAF Wyton as Stn Cdr, March 27; A. McN. Christie, MOD(AFD) for staff duties in dept of ACAS(Ops), March 30; B. T. Sills, BDS Washington as Assistant Air Attache, April 3; F. McClory, HQSTC as SPSO, April 3.
WING COMMANDER (Acting rank Group Captain): R. G. Peters, SHAPE for staff duties, April 9.
WING COMMANDERS: R. J. Howard, CFS Leeming as OC Exam Wg, April 6; R. G. Smalley, OASC Biggin Hill for Air Board, April 6; D. C. Read, MOD on DPS "B" Team, April 6; B. Harcourt-Smith, MOD as SCPL 7, April 6; J. C. Meader, HQ AFNORTH as Chf RADOC, April 7; G. D. Mitchell, Northwood as NATO Plans 3, April 10; G. M. Barlow, LATCC(Mil) as OC Ops Support, April 10; J. Bredenkamp, JOC Maastricht as Chf Ops Exec, April 6; J. G. Hargreaves, RAF Hendon as OC JSATC, April 6; J. E. Brackell, MOD as SS9(RAF), April 6; E. I. Pease, MOD as Air Eng 15, April 6.
SQUADRON LEADER (Acting rank Wing Commander): D. C. Johnston, MOD as GD3(RAF), April 6.
MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS:
GROUP CAPTAIN: A. T. Johnson, MOD as DDHR Med (Av Med), April 6.
WING COMMANDER: J. N. Mitchell, RAF Brampton as MAO 3, April 6.

Oxford class lists in Greek and Latin literature

The following class lists have been issued:

HONOUR MODERATIONS: GREEK AND LATIN LITERATURE
CLASS I: Susan E. Batty Shaw, Ball, Norwich HS; R. J. L. Britton, Ball, [illegible]
Harriet G. Morley, St Hilda's, Brighton and Hove HS; J. M. H. Morris, Trin, Uppingham; P. W. Morris, Magd, Eton; J. P. Newman, Univ, King's S, Canterbury; D. H. N. Ogden, St Anne's, Ampleforth; Miranda J. C. Plowden, Wadh, Malvern Girls' C; Judy M. Raymond, Hertf, King's HS, Warwick; [illegible]

Parliamentary diary

House of Commons
March 30: Statements on Civil Service dispute and Fisheries Council meeting. Debate on unemployment in the Midlands. Parliamentary Commissioner (Consular Complaints) Bill read the third time by 67 votes to 14. Rating of Industry (Scotland) Order and British Nuclear Fuels Ltd (Financial Limits) Order agreed to. Adjournment debate about fabric of Palace of Westminster. House adjourned, 11.42 pm.
March 31: Statement on transfer of GLC properties to London boroughs. Town and Country Planning Act 1971 (Amendment) Bill read first time. Forestry Bill passed the report stage and read the third time by 259 votes to 208. Criminal Attempts Bill passed the remaining stages. Motion to annul National Health Service (Dental and Optical Charges and Remission of Charges) Regulations rejected by 130 votes to 77. Adjournment debate about rate support grant in Rugby. House adjourned 12.1 am (Wednesday).
April 1: Road Traffic Offences Bill read a first time. British Telecommunications Bill passed the report stage and read the third time by 257 votes to 156. Adjournment debate about assisted area status for Calderdale. House adjourned, 3.50 pm (Thursday).
April 3: Statement on EEC farm price settlement. Debates on industry and the school curriculum and on water authorities. Adjournment debate about Food and Drugs Act in respect of meat hygiene. House adjourned, 2.58 pm.

House of Lords
March 30: Statement on Fisheries Council meeting. Charterhouse Japhet Bill read a second time and Sion College Bill read the third time and passed. Wildlife and Countryside Bill read the third time and passed. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Bill read a first time. House adjourned, 8.18 pm.
March 31: Statement on transfer of GLC properties to London boroughs. Fisheries Bill read a second time. Debate on need to provide better mental after-care. House adjourned, 8.25 pm.
April 1: Debates on consultative paper on trade union immunities and on third London airport. House adjourned 10.3 pm.
April 2: Statute Law Repeals Bill, Supreme Court Bill, and Water Bill all read the third time and passed. Queen's University of Belfast (Northern Ireland) Order and Enterprise Zones (Northern Ireland) Order both agreed to. Mortgaging of Aircraft (Amendment) Order agreed to. Forgery and Counterfeiting Bill passed the report stage. Laboratory Animals Protection Bill passed the committee stage. House adjourned, 7.6 pm.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Motion for Easter adjournment. Insurance Companies Bill, remaining stages. Motion relating to financial assistance to International Computers Ltd. Motion on EEC document on research and development in biomolecular engineering.
Tomorrow at 2.30: Debate on Opposition motion on youth unemployment. Motion on members' salaries required for members of European Parliament. Motion on Queen's University of Belfast (Northern Ireland) Order. Opposed private Bill: Greater Manchester Bill.
Wednesday at 2.30: Debate on development in the EEC, July to December, 1980. Water Bill, Lords amendments. Energy Conservation Bill, remaining stages.
Thursday at 2.30: Debate on Expenditure White Paper.
Friday at 9.30: Private member's motion on effects of Government policies on the elderly.

Select committees
Today: Home affairs. Subject: Vagrancy Offences. Witnesses: Campaign for Homeless and Rootless. Room 8, 4.30 pm.
Public accounts. Subject: Internal Audit in Central Government Department. Witnesses: Sir Douglas Henley, Comptroller and Auditor General; Sir John Herbecq, Civil Service Department; Sir Anthony Rawlinson, Treasury. Room 16, 4.45 pm.
Tomorrow: Employment. Subject: Homeworking. Witnesses: Confederation of British Industry Wages Councils (Employers) Consortium Committee; National Federation of Self-Employed and Small Businesses, Retail Consortium. Room 8, 4 pm.
Procedure (Supply). Subject: Supply Procedure. Witness: Mr Joel Barnett, MP. Room 15, 4.15 pm.
Armed Forces Bill. Witnesses: Officials from the Ministry of Defence. Room 5, 5 pm.
Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration. Subject: Reports of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration. Witnesses: Department of Health and Social Security. Room 6, 5 pm.
Wednesday: Education, Science and Arts. Subject: Secondary school curriculum and examinations. Witnesses: Council of Subject Teaching Associations. Room 9, 10.30 am.
Scottish Affairs. Subject: Youth unemployment in Scotland. Witnesses: Fife Regional Council; Highland Regional Council; Strathclyde Regional Council. Room 5, 10.30 am.
Industry and Trade. Subject: Effects of the British Steel Corporation's Corporate Plan. Witnesses: British Independent Steel Producers' Association. Room 16, 10.45 am.
Public Accounts. Subject: Internal Audit in Central Government Department. Witnesses: Sir Brian Hayes, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Sir James Hamilton, Department of Education and Science. Room 16, 4 pm.
Transport. Subject: Transportation in London. Witnesses: The Assistant Commissioner and Officers of the Traffic and Technical Support Department, Metropolitan Police. Room 17, 4.15 pm.
Employment. Subject: The legal immunities of trade unions and other related matters. Witness: Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Lord Chancellor. Room 8, 4.30 pm.
Thursday: Social Services. Subject: Medical Education. Witnesses: Lord Annan (at 10.30); Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals (at 11.00). Room 15.
Agriculture. Subject: Animal welfare in poultry, pig and veal calf production. Witnesses: Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Agricultural Research Council. Room 16, 11 am.

House of Lords
Today at 2.30: Companies (No. 2) Bill, report.
Tomorrow at 2.30: Companies (No. 2) Bill, report. Matrimonial Homes and Property Bill, third reading. Interpretation of Legislation Bill, report.
Wednesday at 2.30: Debate on effects of expenditure cuts on those dependent on government and local authority assistance. Prayer Book Protection Bill, second reading.
Thursday at 3: Matrimonial Homes (Family Protection) (Scotland) Bill, report. Debate on report of European Committee on Commission's reflections on CAP and farm price fixing.

Select committees
Today: European Communities subcommittee E (Law). Evidence from Comptroller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks on trade marks. 4.30 pm.
Wednesday: European Communities subcommittee C (Education, Employment and Social Affairs). Evidence from Departments of Employment and Industry on consultation with employees of undertakings with complex structures. 11 a.m.
Thursday: Science and Technology subcommittee II (Hazardous waste). Evidence from Redland Purle Ltd. 3pm.

Science report
Biotechnology: Alternatives to oil

From Pearce Wright
Science Editor
Eastbourne

The modern equivalent of the silkworm is a much smaller, microscopic organization created by genetic engineers, which makes the large molecules that man-made fibres and plastic materials like PVC are made from.

The replacement of those oil-based products, pharmaceuticals, foodstuffs and other industrial raw materials, through the technology of gene-splicing, which did not exist as a science 10 years ago, has drawn together more that 2,000 industrialists, economists, scientists, engineers, patent lawyers and bureaucrats for a European congress on biotechnology that started yesterday.

Never before has the transition from discovery in basic science to industrial use been tried in so short a period as for the inventions emanating from gene transplantation.

Advances in biotechnology being presented at Eastbourne this week are from contributors from the main academic and industrial bioscience laboratories in Europe. And it is the attitude of the petrochemical giants like ICI, who are looking to biotechnology to provide an alternative to oil, that is attracting greatest attention.

Dr Peter King, of ICI, says the popular view of biotechnology is concerned almost exclusively with genetic manipulation to provide new drugs like interferon, or new supplies of agents such as insulin. But the ability of large-scale biotechnology to replace the bulk products of the oil-based petrochemical industry is almost ignored.

The science is based on cutting genes from animal cells, plants or bacteria, and transferring them to other organisms so that they become microscopic factories for a specific compound. The technology of growing those compounds into vast colonies in a suitable nutrient, is comparable with the processes and practices established for brewing beer, making citric acid or the preparation of antibiotics, but on a much larger scale.

25 years ago
From The Times of Friday, April 6, 1956

From Our Correspondent
Jerusalem (Israel side), April 5.—Egyptian gun positions in the Gaza strip shelled three Israel settlements, Kissufim and Ein Hashlosa in the central sector of the border area, and Nahal Oz which is directly opposite Gaza town. Shelling from 120mm mortars began in the middle of the afternoon and was still going on late this evening. Heavy damage is reported. The Israelis moved artillery to the scene and replied heavily to the Egyptian mortar bombardment. According to United Nations sources here, Israelis shelled the town of Gaza for two hours this evening. These sources give casualties in Gaza as 40 killed including 17 children and 100 wounded. A curfew has been imposed on the town by the Egyptian authorities. Israel casualties are stated to be four soldiers and two civilians wounded.

OBITUARY

MR JUAN T. TRIPPE
Forceful American aviation leade[r] for over 40 years

Mr Juan T. Trippe, who, in 1927, at the age of 28, was appointed president and general manager of Pan American Airways and remained as chief executive until 1968, and who was one of the foremost leaders in flying in the world, died in New York on April 3. He was 81.

A pioneer, especially of over-ocean flying, Trippe built up an extensive system covering most of the globe across the Atlantic and the Pacific with air routes served by his well-known machines which bore the name of Clippers.

In 1955 he gave an order for 45 jet aircraft for his company at a cost of $269m to mark the beginning of American aviation's venture into the age of jet travel. In doing so he said, "This is the most important aviation development since Lindbergh's [Atlantic] flight. In one fell swoop we've shrunken the earth".

Trippe had a large part in stimulating the design of advanced, long-range aircraft represented by the Sikorsky, Martin and Boeing series of flying boats, and after the Second World War he strove to keep abreast of all aviation developments, including low-fare services.

In the war itself his company, Pan American, carried out, through services such as Atlantic Air Ferries, about half the war operations of all United States airlines.

Trippe first expanded with United States and Cuban air mail contracts, and was early associated with Charles Lindbergh, whom he sent on long-distance survey flights. To keep his place in the competitive field of technology and commerce Trippe was, as one man who negotiated with him put it, "charming, disarming, stubborn, and the toughest Armenian rug merchant I've ever bargained with".

Juan Terry Trippe was born at Seabright in New Jersey on January 27, 1899, the son of a New Yorker who came from an old Maryland family. He got his name from a well known grand aunt Juantia Terry. While studying at Yale he organaized a flying club, whose members included many young men later to fly in the First World War, as he did. He received an ensign's commission as Naval Aviator, and served on the northern coast of France.

On his return Trippe s[…] made up his mind to take civil flying. In 1922 he sta[…] Long Island Airways w[…] possessed seven aircraft engaged in air transport. […] was president, general mana[…] chief pilot and frequently m[…]anic as well. He often ha[…] work 16 hours a day, but persistence began to bear f[…] and in 1926 he was able […] launch a more ambit[…] scheme as general manage[…] Colonial Air Transport w[…] received the first air mail […]tracts.

When the stockholders b[…] small majority voted agains[…] proposals to expand he foun[…] Pan American Airways, […] was for many years the di[…]ing and driving force behin[…] From 1968 he was hono[…] chairman for seven years, […] remained an honorary dire[…]

Although he was incline[…] be slightly distant even to close associates, Trippe […] none the less a gregarious […] and belonged to more tha[…] score of clubs and held nu[…]ous directorships and trus[…]ships. He held 11 hono[…] degrees and apart from […] United States Medal of M[…] and the Collier and Harm[…] Aviation trophies he had […] foreign awards.

In 1928 he married Elizab[…] Stettinius of Chicago, a m[…]ber of the family well-known […] the steel world and a sister […] the late Edward Stettin[…] Secretary of State. They […] three sons and a daughter.

MR W. J. OWEN

Mr William James (Will) Owen, former Labour and Co-Operative MP for Morpeth, Northumberland, who was acquitted at the Old Bailey in 1970 of charges under the Official Secrets Act of passing information to the Czechoslovak Embassy in London, died on April 3. He was 80.

The eldest of 10 children, their father being a miner, Owen was educated at an elementary school in Blaina, Monmouthshire, and went into the pits with his father for five years. He then went to the Central Labour College on a miners' scholarship, later becoming tutor and organizer for the National Council of Labour Colleges.

Owen was secretary of the ILP in Leicester from 1930 to 1935, and was a city councillor there from 1933 to 1938. He worked in the Co-Operative movement in Burslem, London and Bristol, and during the Second World War he was an ARP instructor and an Army education lecturer. From 1948 to 1951 he was a community welfare officer with the National Coal Board, and then became general secretary of the master tailors' organization in the East End of London.

He contested Dover for Labour unsuccessfully in 1950 and 1951, but won Morpeth in a by-election in 1954. In the Co-Operative movement he had contacts with the Russian co-operative organization, and in the Russian-British exp[…] trade.

After being elected to Par[…]ment, he played a somew[…] self-effacing role on the b[…] benches but he became se[…]tary of the all-party East-W[…] Trade Committee and a chairman of the Anglo-Germ[…] Democratic Republic group […] MPs. In these positions, […] organized many visits by Bri[…] MPs to East Germany and ot[…] countries behind the iron c[…]tain.

Owen was a member of […] House of Commons Estima[…] Committee, and at the […] Bailey trial it was alleged t[…] he passed to a second secret[…] in the Czechoslovak Emba[…] classified information reveal[…] to the committee but not p[…]lished in its reports. For […] part Owen denied that an[…] the information was classifi[…] and said that most of it […] openly available in blue bo[…] and official reports. Nevert[…]less, he admitted receivi[…] £2,300 from the Czechs, in […] period 1961-69, "for expense[…]

Acquitted of the charges […] spying, Owen was la[…] ordered to pay £2,000 towa[…] the cost of his defence, whi[…] was under legal aid. He h[…] resigned his parliamenta[…] seat before the case came […] trial, saying that he h[…] already told his friends […] would not be standing for […] election to Parliament becau[…] of ill-health.

SIR ALEXANDER DOWNER

J. L-M. writes:
Alick Downer was one of those men who, at a first meeting convey the impression of sheer goodness. He came from one of Australia's oldest and most respected families, and his father, Sir John Downer, had been a founder of the Australian Commonwealth, and a Premier of South Australia. Thus he inherited a stern sense of public duty to which the catalogue of his distinguished services bears eminent witness.

It was impossible to talk to him without being struck by his passionate loyalty to the Crown and Commonwealth, which was only exceeded by that to his own country. He said that of all British prime ministers he most admired Disraeli because he had created the Empire. He viewed with dismay the loosening of links with England which he dearly loved, ever since he had been an undergraduate at Brasenose, Oxford.

Indeed, before his long office ended as High Commissioner he bought one of the loveliest houses on the Wiltshire Downs, intending to spend half the years of his retirement with his family at Oare, and the other half at his country house Martinsell, near Adelaide But the onus of maintaining two estates in Australia and England proved too great, a[…] Oare had to his great regret be sacrificed.

He was an extremely w[…] read man, possibly happi[…] surrounded by books in […] beautiful library at Martins[…] He was a thinker. He admit[…] that the 3½ years he spent as prisoner of war in a Japane[…] camp had made him revi[…] his whole life's philosophy, a[…] withdraw into the world of t[…] spirit. Certainly, in his p[…]sence one was aware of […] enviable detachment fro[…] material things.

One was edified by h[…] strength of character, combin[…] with humility. One was encou[…]aged by his gentle wisdom, o[…] was touched by his almost o[…]fashioned standards of rig[…] and honour.

There was an inspiration […] his idealism which sprang fro[…] deep religious conviction. […] carried him serenely throu[…] three years of intense suffe[…]ing. Even during his termin[…] illness it drove him to wri[…] two books, one the history o[…] the Downer family, the othe[…] on six prime ministers he ha[…] known intimately.

He was blessed with […] wonderful family — his wif[…] Mary, three daughters, and […] son who, like his father an[…] grandfather, is now an MP i[…] the Federal Parliament.

PRINCE HUBERT DE POLIGNAC

Prince Hubert de Polignac, the head of the de Polignac cognac company, was killed in a road accident on March 28. He was 62.

Born on the family estates at La Jumelière in Maine et Loire, he studied economic and commercial sciences in Paris and later obtained the Diploma of the Italian Chamber of Commerce. In 1950 he became Administrator of the de Polignac cognac company and he had been responsible for its continued production since. In 195[…] he was appointed an externa[…] trade councillor for France.

Between 1958 and 1976 h[…] served as a regional councillo[…] for Maine et Loire and fro[…] 1965 to 1971 he was Mayor o[…] La Jumelière. He was a Knigh[…] of the National Order of Meri[…]

He leaves a widow and thre[…] children.

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Friday's close

IN BRIEF

Textiles industry in 'state of siege'

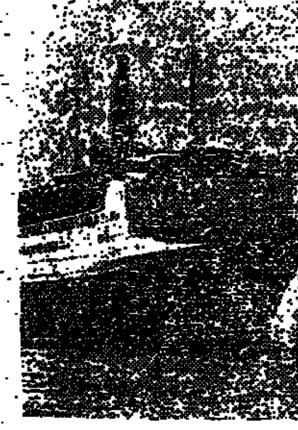
The textile industry must now nsider itself in a state of ege. It had become a beleag- red outpost in the United ngdom's industrial wasteland, r Nicholas Winterton, Conser- tive MP for Macclesfield and airman of the all-party group textiles and clothing, told e Federation of Textile Man- ers Associations.

Political guerrilla tactics ere now the order of the day the industries were to survive. I am convinced that all things longer come to him who airs in terms of industrial d", he said.

Given the Government's ersistence in its chosen econo- ic path, he declared, he could t *be at all optimistic about* e textile industry's future.

Mrs Margaret Jackles, a ember of the executive board the National Union of ilors and Garment Workers, s written to Mrs Thatcher mplaining about her refusal to eet the union and expressing rm at the prospect of the loss 100,000 jobs in the industry the next year. She called on e Prime Minister to remove AT on clothing and reduce terest rates and the value of rling.

QE2 designer to retire



John McCallum, chief de- ner of the QE2, will retire on e 30 as Lloyd's Register's ef ship surveyor, a post he held since 1970. As naval itect and technical director John Brown and Company Clydebank, in the 1960s, he the design of many ships, uding the QE2.

Kuwaiti denial

aikh Ali Khalifa al-Sabah, ait's oil minister, denied rts that Kuwait was ing into difficulty trying to its daily output of 1.5 mil- barrels of oil. "Kuwait ys complete control on kets and has been imposing own (sales) conditions", he

Poland credit move

ecause of a deteriorating ncial picture in Poland nese exchange banks have arently refused to buy *ort bills and export* letters credit from trading houses goods shipped to Poland.

Gibraltar contract

awker Siddeley Power En- ering, of Burton on the ds, Leicestershire, is to de- and construct a £6.7m er station for the Gibraltar tricity department.

Inflation warning

e Construction Surveyors tute says that higher infla- could return with the end e recession, because of the the construction industry been run down by the Gov- ent's economic policies.

exports to France

Francois Missoffe, the ch trade negotiator, has ed in Tokyo to discuss omic and trade problems, ding Japanese car exports rance.

EEC seeks end to freeze on American aid for poorest countries

From Peter Norman
Brussels, April 5

The European Community is to press the United States to end the freeze on granting low-cost development assistance to the poorest countries.

At a meeting over the weekend outside the Dutch town of Breda, Community finance *ministers said* that Washington had not made the payments it promised to the International Development Association (IDA). This affiliate of the World Bank is the single most important source of concessional development finance to low income countries.

Last week it was forced to halt lending because the United States has failed to complete procedures to pay $3,240m (£1,472m) to the IDA over the next three years.

Mr Alfons van der Stee, the Dutch finance minister, described the meeting as a "brainstorming session" ahead of next month's meeting in Gabon of the interim and development committees of the International Monetary Fund.

Also discussed was the gloomy outlook of the European economy, concluding that countries such as Italy and Belgium with automatic wage indexation, would have to introduce changes to achieve inflation-free growth.

But, perhaps surprisingly, in view of the planned meeting in London next weekend of the "Big Five" finance ministers of the United States, Britain, West Germany, Japan and France, there appeared to be no detailed discussions of proposals for a transatlantic dialogue to stabilize interest rates.

Nor, according to Mr van der Stee, did the ministers discuss the recent strains imposed on the European monetary system through the intense speculation on a possible devaluation of the Belgian franc.

M Rene Monory, the French economics minister, chairman of the International Monetary Fund's interim committee, reported that there was no immediate need for the IMF to resort to the capital market to raise finance.

Although large increases in fund lending have created liquidity problems and difficulties in finding cash for the poorest developing countries,



Mr Alfons van der Stee: differences exist between member states over interest rates.

he said that the IMF had just concluded arrangements with Saudi Arabia that could add $16,000m to its resources, and was also borrowing from the Bank for International Settlements.

When attention focused on the general economic condition of Europe, the ministers apparently agreed that there was greater need for medium-term "supply side" economic policies and higher business profitability.

Although the question of high worldwide interest rates may be raised in London next week, it was felt that it was too early to define a European standpoint. Mr van der Stee conceded that differences still exist between member states.

The European monetary committee and the committee of central bank governors has been charged with reconciling the differences which range from scepticism on the part of many central banks and those member states committed to monetary policies to the enthu*siasm expressed in Maastricht* by Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor and President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, of France.

The meeting appeared not to discuss a new recycling proposal put forward by Herr Schmidt and M Raymond Barre, the French prime minister in Bonn last week that West Germany and France may raise a large joint loan from Opec countries.

Pru clears hurdle in its bid for Bache

By Michael Prest

An important obstacle to the $385m (£175m) bid by Prudential Insurance of America, one of that country's biggest insurance companies, for Bache Group, a leading United States financial services company, was removed on Friday when the takeover was approved by Mr James Sheeran, the New Jersey state insurance commissioner.

Prudential's bid was agreed between the two companies last month. The offer is worth $32 for each Bache share and stands until April 17, although it could be extended. Bache has among its subsidiaries Bache Halsey Stuart Shields, one of Wall Street's biggest brokerage houses.

Mr Sheeran could have blocked the takeover because Prudential has its headquarters in Newark, New Jersey. A Prudential spokesman said: "It is an important step towards *what we believe will be a successful conclusion* to our quest of acquiring Bache."

The spokesman added that Prudential had also made other filings with regulatory authorities. Although these authorities do not have to approve the takeover they can raise questions which might delay the transaction, expected to be completed by June.

Prudential has assets of $50,000m, and its proposed takeover is widely regarded in America as opening the way for diversification of the services offered by other financial institutions such as banks.

Bache has many customers across the country and overseas, and it will be able to sell them insurance offered by Prudential. Banks are prohibited from buying brokerage houses but they are trying to have the ruling changed.

While Bache is a publicly-traded stock Prudential is not. One reason for Bache agreeing to the takeover is thought to be that it was facing an unwanted bid from the Belzberg brothers of Vancouver, British Columbia. *They hold about 23 per cent of* Bache stock.

Bache was made more vulnerable by its expensive involvement with those other brothers, Mr Nelson Bunker and Mr Herbert Hunt, the Texan millionaires. They owned 6.6 per cent of Bache, which conducted a great deal of silver trading on their behalf. When the silver price crashed a year ago Bache was obliged to raise a large line of credit.

Tory call for faster BSC 'break-up'

By Peter Hill

New measures which would accelerate the pace at which the British Steel Corporation hives off many of its activities into separate companies to secure fairer competition between the public and private sectors of the industry are being urged on the Government.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary *of State for Industry, is under* pressure from an influential group of Tory backbench MP's to take powers which would enable him to direct the corporation to form separate companies for many of its operations, especially where they compete directly with private steel companies.

The move reflects growing disquiet among independent *steelmakers, steel stockholders* and MPs, at the British Steel's aggressive marketing and *pricing policy which they believe amounts to the corpora*tion using state subsidies to secure business at the expense of the private sector.

British Steel has denied these allegations. Mr Ian McGregor, chairman, has said that the policy is meant to match the price at which imported steel is being sold in Britain.

In a bid to defuse the criti*cism, the Government* has already established mechanisms to monitor complaints made about unfair pricing, and it has also encouraged the corporation to make its activities more "transparent" by forming Companies Act companies as wholly-owned subsidiaries to run some of its present businesses.

Two large companies were incorporated from the begin*ning of this month.* One has been formed to run the corporation's Stanton & Staveley pipe-making operations and the

Mr Michael Grylls: Leading backbench critic of steel Bill.

stockholding company—British Steel Service Centres—which in some product areas commands about 15 per cent of the market has also been reorganized along private sector lines.

But backbenchers, led by Mr Michael Grylls MP, chairman of the Conservative industry committee, have tabled an amendment to the Iron and Steel Bill, which will be considered at the committee stage tomorrow.

The amendment, if accepted, would enable Sir Keith to direct the Steel corporation to form *separate companies* to carry on its activities in the production of cold rolled strip, spring steel flats, heavy forgings, tubes, stainless steel bars", and any other activities as may be prescribed".

The Bill provides the framework under which British Steel effectively could be liquidated if the latest survival plan fails. Once enacted, the Bill will enable the Government to write off £3,500m of capital immediately, with provision for a £1,000m write off.

Report will back private telecom networks

By Bill Johnstone

A report out tomorrow is expected to back the formation of private network telecommunications services in competition with British Telecom.

The report, the result of a study by Professor Michael Beesley, of the London Business School, is expected to call on the Government not to inhibit the formation of alternative networks, like that being planned by Cable and Wireless. It is also expected to be sympathetic to a relaxation of the financial restrictions at present placed on British Telecom.

The report was commissioned by *the Department of Industry* at the end of last year, and business is expected to push to have its recommendations implemented.

The opponents of alternative "value-added" telecommunications services have pointed out that the private sector will only operate in highly profitable areas.

A recent study by the Post Office engineering union said that "common sense would suggest that the specialized common carriers, who are under no obligation to provide *services to any particular cus*tomer will choose the more profitable routes—for instance, those between the larger urban centres".

The union insists that, if the Government is to promote value-added services and specialized common carriers, then an appropriate tariff structure must be designed to protect the revenues of British Telecom.

The Government will not adopt any of the Beesley conclusions until it has gauged the political atmosphere. The debate on the Telecommunica*tions Bill* in the Commons last week precipitated pledges from the Opposition that such legislation could well be reversed by any incoming Labour Government.

The Beesley report will also reopen the debate on how British Telecom should be funded. The Treasury has not yet given approval to British Telecom to raise an extra £360m *by issuing performance-related* bonds.

£2m rise in subsidy for training

By Edward Townsend

The Construction Industry Training Board, which is threatened with closure under the Government's review of statutory industrial training, is to increase the total grant on offer to employers who give training to £46.8m, a rise of £2m on last year.

In a statement being issued today, the board says that the increase continues the policy of recognizing the need to give training-conscious employers considerable financial assistance with increasingly high costs. But it also gives a warning that the levy on employers may be forced up in future because of a possible reduction in state support.

Only about one in five companies within the board's scope claims training grants, although all construction companies are said to use skilled labour.

In the 1980-81 training year, the Government is providing about £10m towards the £44.6m of grants being offered to construction employers. The board says that future public assistance is uncertain but that it can honour its commitments to employers on grants for approved training, at least for 1981-82.

The board has confirmed its levy rates for 1981. These are imposed on employers which do not carry out training, and are expected to raise £43.1m which, with government aid yet to be agreed, will pay for training grants and the board's national training centres.

About £41.5m of the 1981-82 grants will be for the training of young people entering the industry. The board says that recruitment of apprentices for first-year "off the job" training in 1980-81 is some 2,000 below the target of 13,000, and further decline is forecast

The board added that it could give no indication of the per capita levy rates for 1982 because of the *uncertainties* and the proposed transfer of individual board operating costs from the Exchequer to individual industries.

Forecasters condemn 'deflationary' Budget

By Frances Williams

Last month's Budget, coupled with measures announced in November, add up to a savage deflationary package which will depress output, push unemployment well over 3 million and swell public spending through higher social security payments and weaker nationalized industry finances.

This dismal picture, painted by the stockbroking firm Phillips & Drew in their latest set of economic forecasts published today, directly contradicts the recent assertion by Mr Nigel Lawson, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, that the Budget is not contractionary. But it is in line with predictions made by other organizations, including the Confederation of British Industry, which published its own gloomy forecast last week.

Phillips & Drew estimate that about £7,000m will be taken out of the economy in the coming year as a result of the two sets of measures, with only a limited offset from the cut in interest rates (worth about £700m to industry) and any fall in the value of sterling.

Well over half this huge cut in demand—some £4,500m—will come from individuals facing higher National Insurance contributions, higher income tax because of failure to adjust allowances in line with inflation, and higher duty on petrol, alcohol and tobacco.

The consequence will be to depress real after-tax incomes further and curb the only buoyant source of demand in the recession up to now—consumer spending. This will delay economic recovery,

They predict unemployment, including school leavers will reach three million unadjusted before the end of this year and rise to 3.3 million by the end of 1982.

Phillips & Drew suggest that output may stop falling in the second quarter of this year, only to level off with no sustained recovery in sight. Output is forecase to fall by more than 3 per cent between 1981 and 1980, compared with the Treasury's prediction of 2 per cent.

On inflation, Phillips & Drew expect the annual rate to fall to around 10½ per cent by the end of the year from 12¼ per cent in February, despite a leap in the Retail Price Index for March and April resulting from Budget and other measures. Single figure inflation is expected for a while next year.

But an upturn in inflation is forecast later in 1982, with sterling expected to weaken, higher oil and commodity prices and companies trying to rebuild eroded profit margins.

Fewer hotel rooms occupied

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

Occupancy levels of London hotels are down 7 per cent on an annual comparison to an average of 69 per cent over the 12 months to November. Outside the capital, there has been a 4 per cent decline to an average occupancy of 60 per cent.

These estimates come from L. Messel & Co, the London brokers, although occupancies in November itself were thought to be higher than average—76 per cent in London (down 3 per cent on the previous year) and 58 per cent in the regions (down 5 per cent).

At the upper end of the London hotel market in the first three months of this year, a normally quiet period, room occupancy has been running at between 50 per cent and 60 per cent, according to hoteliers.

Slightly more optimistic estimates than those from Messel, covering the whole of last year, come from Horwath & Horwath, the international hotel and tourism consultants, in their latest commentary on the lodging industry worldwide.

London hotel occupancy was probably 5 per cent down last year compared with 1979, but between 7 and 8 per cent better than in the regions, according to the report. No marked recovery in hotel trade is expected until 1982 on the assumption that the recession will then be ending, it adds.

This forecast may be unduly gloomy because of the likely effects of the royal wedding in July, bringing in extra visitors

The capital could gain 500,000 extra visitors that month, the English Tourist Board estimates. The expectation is that they would be spending on average £150 per head, yielding an extra £75m in overall tourist spending in London.

Worldwide Lodging Industry Mid-year Commentary (1980-81): Horwarth & Horwarth, 84 Baker Street, London W1: £2.

Employers gloomy on jobs

By Our Industrial Staff

An overwhelming majority of employers in both the public and private sectors do not expect output to increase in the coming six months, according to a new survey of United Kingdom industry and commerce. Many public sector employers predict that production will stagnate for at least another year.

The survey, conducted by the Manpower employment agency, shows that 73 per cent of em*ployers believe their workloads* will not increase before the autumn,

Among the 1,400 employers *surveyed*, 11 per cent expected to increase their staff in the next three months compared with 17 per cent at the same time a year ago. Job cuts are forecast by one in four employers.

China and Russia facing substantial grain shortage

By Our Commodities Correspondent

Warnings that China and the Soviet Union could again be substantial importers of wheat and other foodgrains in the 1981-82 crop year have been given by the International Wheat Council and by Cargill, a leading grain trader.

But on a more optimistic note, the IWC, which coordinates information about wheat consumers and producers, has raised its estimate of the 1980-81 world harvest by one million tonnes to 446 million tonnes. It also still *believes* that a 1981-82 harvest of 470 million tonnes is possible.

The crop year runs from April 1. China is suffering from serious food shortages in two provinces, Hubei and Hebei, *and the IWC estimates that in* 1980-81 the country imported a record 13 million tonnes of wheat.

But despite generally favourable prospects for sowings and weather in the new crop year, the IWC says that Chinese grain purchases, particularly wheat, are likely to remain high.

The IWC suggests that a switch in eating habits away from grains such as rice and millet, lack of storage capacity, and poor transport, hindering movement of grain from surplus to deficit areas, have caused the country to ask for food aid for the first time in over 30 years.

Imports by the Soviet Union, however, are expected to be large. Cargill has estimated that between October 1980 and September 1981 the Soviet *Union will* buy about 35 million tonnes of grain.

About half of such grain imports will be wheat, 8 million *tonnes of which* has been bought from the United States under contracts in force before President Carter declared an embargo.

White goods deliveries low

By Our Commercial Editor

Deliveries by manufacturers of "white goods" kitchen appliances remained at a low level in January despite a strong share of the January sales.

This was reported by the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Electrical Appliances, which believes retailers *have been meeting the in*creased demand from stocks after 10 months of poor white goods sales. Sources in the trade indicate that washing machines have been *selling* in greater numbers, and tumble driers also have been in demand.

Direct comparisons between maker's deliveries this January and those in the same month last year are misleading because of heavy stocking by retailers in 1980 in the face of a prospective steel strike.

But all key product area *deliveries were still down this* January. Only sales of products such as hairdryers, heated rollers and dry shavers have remained buoyant.

The Japanese turn tables and offer Western managers a lesson or two

Why Sony stays profitable–even in Britain

Mr Akio Morita, co-founder of the Sony Corporation and now its chairman and chief executive, is intensely proud of Sony's production facilities in Britain. He smiles broadly as he talks about his company winning a Queen's Award for exports. Sony is profitable "even in Britain", he jokes.

He made his first business trip to the United States in 1953, arriving in New York as a student eager to learn as much as possible as quickly as possible, about Western management approaches. Now Mr Morita constantly finds himself surrounded on his foreign trips by managers eager to learn from him. The tables have been turned and he enjoys the role of the teacher.

He believes Japanese management systems can be adapted abroad and that the high quality products being made at Sony plants in the United States and the United Kingdom, which he claims are just as good as ones made in Japan, demonstrate that he is right. Motivating workers and convincing them that they have a real interest in the long-term suc*cess of their companies* lies at the heart of Mr Morita's management philosophy.

At a meeting of American and Japanese businessmen in Washington the Sony chief noted that on April 1 the company gave jobs to another 1,000 people who could look forward to 30 years or more working with Sony. He described these *employees* as "our new friends, the new members of our family".

He recalled how delighted and surprised he was in 1960, just after establishing the Sony Corporation of the United States, to discover that he could dismiss employees in America. He had never dismissed anyone in his life. Then he was equally *surprised, he noted,* to discover that one of his top United States managers was leaving Sony to join a rival company. This had never happened either to Mr Morita in Japan.

The Sony chief concluded that perhaps the Japanese personnel management system was better. He stressed that every Sony worker was acutely aware *that they* all shared the same fate. They knew that the company's success would secure the future prosperity of every employee. Nobody needed to fear unemployment. "We could not fire people if demand is low and there is a recession. We are all in the same ship together. They are not guilty of causing the recession", Mr Morita said.

Mr Akio Morita: Motivation of workers is his philosophy.

He stressed that every effort *was made to ensure engineers* spent as much time as possible in factories supervising production, meeting with line workers and hearing what they had to say about improving production processes. Morale among all employees is outstandingly high and everyone feels he can contribute to Sony and everyone feels he can be promoted right to the top of the company.

It might sound a little too wonderful to be true and Mr Morita is well known as a supersalesman. But many of the shrewd American businessmen listening to the Sony chief accepted his views and argued that indeed the Japanese were probably far ahead of everyone else when it came to labour-management relations and worker motivation.

The striking thing at this meeting of businessmen was the degree to which roles had been reversed, with Americans now the students and Japanese the teachers. Mr Thomas Vanderslice, president of General Telephone and Electronics, for example, was emphatic that western managers needed to go to Japan more often to learn the ways in which the Japanese managed their employees.

Mr Douglas Danforth, vice-chairman and chief operating officer of Westinghouse Electric Corporation, believed the Japanese could teach us all a great deal about the best ways to reduce costs

Mr Kazuo Aichi, parliamentary vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in Japan, noted that in industry it was increasingly the case that managers needed not so much the muscles but the brains of their workers. In this area the Japanese have a lot to teach managers everywhere.

Frank Vogl
in Washington

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MANAGEMENT

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Facing up to challenge of minicomputer revolution

A business partnership conceived in a Paris taxi 10 years ago has grown so rapidly that the company is now seeking a public quotation.

Two colleagues, unknown to each other but working for the same United States computer company, were attending a conference in Paris. During their stay they shared a taxi; the conversation on that trip formed the basis of a business enterprise. They returned from Paris to their jobs, one to resume his work as a factory manager in Scotland, the other to continue medical marketing in Switzerland.

Two years later, in 1973, Mr David Johns and Mr Tom Fitzpatrick joined forces in a small office over a chemist's shop in Redhill.

Now, after eight years of struggle to finance their concern, they are joint managing directors of CPU Computers based at Woking, Surrey, designing and manufacturing micro-processors, VDU systems and peripheral computer equipment. Projected sales for this year to June are £5m: with profits estimated at £750,000 there will be a 15 per cent return on sales.

From the rented offices they continued working for their previous employers, the US Varian company (now Sperry Univac), as sales representatives marketing mini-computer systems in the United Kingdom.

Other products distributed were for Wangco Inc (now Perkin-Elmer) and "floppy disk" drives for Schugart Associates, a Xerox division.

It is from this activity that Mr Johns, a mechanical engineer and Mr Fitzpatrick, an industrial chemist, who had worked for both ICI and Fisons, saved £10,000. This was to provide the entire working capital base for the transition from agents to designers and manufacturers.

Much of the drive, says Mr Johns, came from their frustration over the way they saw industry handling the launch of software in this country. According to them, the gap between Britain and its main competitors comes from crucial areas of mismanagement in British industry.

The first, remedied slightly since the early 1970s, is the lack of venture risk capital advanced by the financial institutions.

Second, the status and way in which production engineering is regarded, and how marketing strategies have proved time and time again inadequate at home and abroad.

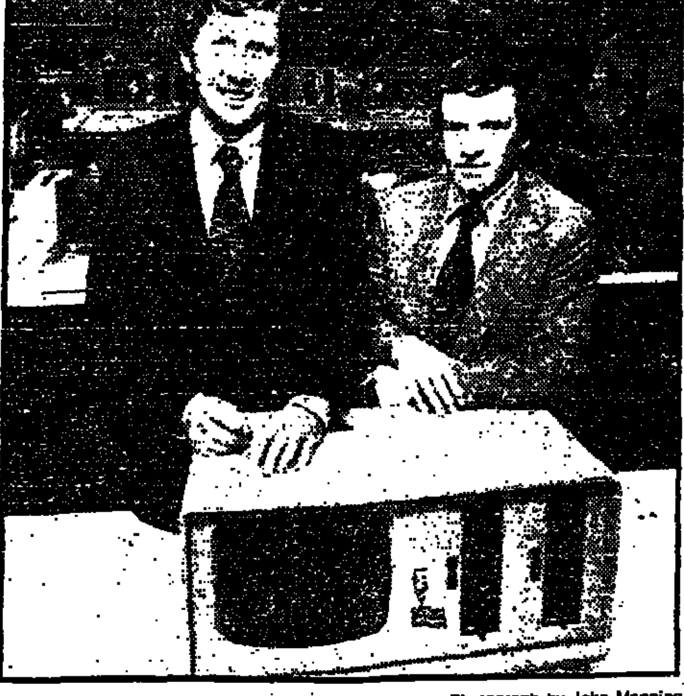
"Our equivalent in the United States would have been given $2m for research and development, followed by $2m for production", he said. "It has been a sad story in Britain."

They cited their own problems in getting capital to see CPU off the ground—in the early days they were refused loans or overdraft facilities. One bank in fact refused them a £3,500 overdraft . . .

But it was to be the franchise as sole distributors for Schugart's "floppy disks" which provided the "sugar-daddy" element. Manufacture had always been the long term aim, and the decisive fillip came in 1974 when they attended the National Computer Conference in California. "We came back full of mini-computers and how we could start our own systems. This was the real start to the micro-age", said Mr Fitzpatrick.

They started by leasing a 5,000 square foot factory, and with 10 staff, work on the M-One mini-computer began. Aimed at the small businessman, the computer can be used for stock control, payrolls, job costing and so forth. Launched in 1977, the machine was well ahead of any competition and cost effective. Some 600 have been installed and CPU has since launched the M-Two, a larger machine with greater data storage and now the M-Three is due off the production lines.

Business was growing at such a rate that in 1978 and 1979 they purchased two more factory premises—both cheap from receivers since they were still self-financing all expenditure. A new factory is being built for £500,000.



Photograph by John Manning

Mr David Johns (left) and Mr Tom Fitzpatrick, joint managing directors of CPU Computers, at their Woking plant.

Last year they were given a Department of Industry £250,000 grant to finance the development of M-Three. Selling for between £2,500 and £5,000, 700 orders have been placed and they see great potential for the machine in the United Kingdom and abroad.

If the company takes off, as Mr Johns and Mr Fitzpatrick believe it will, the success will have come from finding the right balance in the computer market and the lucrative distribution right for Schugart (also in Europe).

CPU, and its software subsidiary, LSI, which provides marketing, sales and services, now employs 80 people including a team of 22 solely involved in research projects.

Scrimgeour, stockbrokers to CPU, says the group has grown from strength to strength and is well placed to benefit from the mini-computer growth. "It is unusual, but the group looks like being a British success story," said one adviser.

Margareta Pagano

Coming to terms with change in South Wales

Mr Joe Lewis is a key figure in the Welsh steel industry. Like thousands of other workers, he has witnessed the ups and downs of the industry over the years. Like them, he has seen ambitious expansion programmes add great slabs of additional capacity, and more recently, he has been at the centre of the draconian contraction which the British Steel Corporation has decided is necessary if the industry is to survive in any shape at all.

He has had a vital role to play. For Mr Lewis is a member of the executive council of the industry's largest trade union, the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation. He is also one of the employee directors on the corporation's main board which last December approved the "survival plan", drawn up by Mr Ian MacGregor, the chairman.

The Welsh works, with the huge plants of Port Talbot and Llanwern the key parts in the old Welsh division which now form part of the strip products group, were likely candidates for total closure. Both are still operating. Mr Lewis and his colleagues are determined to ensure that they will survive.

Over the past 18 months there has been a quite remarkable transformation of management-union relationships the impact of which has been as great as the introduction of the basic oxygen steelmaking process.

Mr Ian MacGregor, British Steel chairman: Call for an efficient industry.

After years of miserable performance, delays, inter-union squabbling, gross inefficiency, overmanning and appalling morale, the Welsh plants have slimmed down to internationally competitive manning levels, production records are being clocked up every week and productivity has soared.

Management-union relationships have never been better, craft and process worker demarcation lines have dissolved and a commitment and determination to succeed is evident everywhere. The vigour and vitality, which is almost tangible at Llanwern and Port Talbot, seems paradoxical at a time when the steel industry is experiencing its deepest crisis since the thirties.

But British Steel cost the taxpayer more than £1,000m last year; total losses for the financial year just ended were an estimated £660m; and this year the corporation has persuaded the Government to provide another £730m.

Behind the MacGregor survival strategy lies the need to get manning levels down, load up plant, reduce costs and drive up the yield and quality of every tonne of steel produced. Because of European-wide overcapacity—where according to Mr Brian Moffat, director of the Port Talbot work, quality is price—the Welsh plants are still making losses, but they are leading the efficiency drive.

Vast empty car parks around the sprawling Llanwern site provide a vivid reminder of the scale of demanning which has taken place. Under the first phase of British Steel's Welsh works "slim-line programme" more than 11,000 jobs were scrapped at the two integrated plants out of the 20,000 which were lost in the Welsh steel industry last year. Another 1,400 workers from the two plants were made redundant under the second slim-line programme in Wales negotiated at the end of last year; this programme accounted for a total of 5,900 jobs throughout the Welsh steel industry.

Mr Peter Allen, the operations managing director for the corporation's strip products group (which also includes the large integrated Scottish works of Ravenscraig/Gartcosh) says: "If you and I had discussed the possibility of securing job reductions of 25,000-30,000 throughout the Welsh steel industry two years ago, I would not have believed it was possible."

But it has happened. And, says Mr Allen, all this has been achieved without the loss of a single days work in protest.

"The scale of the change, the size of the restructuring and the speed with which it has been carried out, on reflection, has been almost breathtaking. It has been the biggest restructuring that the steel industry has ever seen, certainly in Wales and, I venture to suggest, in any industry of any kind, certainly in the time that it has taken", adds Mr Allen.

What has brought about this fundamental shift in attitudes to work in the Welsh steel industry?

Mr Lewis has no doubt on the single most important factor. "It was the steel strike which changed people's attitudes in the industry. I do not think anyone believed that we could be out for 14 weeks and not be required. At the end of 14 weeks we all began to see a new dawn. The feeling was that if we did not do something about this, we should be left without an industry at all."

It was against the depressing backcloth of the strike and the decline in demand that management and unions in South Wales have forged a new compact which has cut the combined workforce at Port Talbot and Llanwern to little more than 10,000.

Productivity improvements have been impressive. At Llanwern the man-hours required to produce a liquid tonne of steel has been cut to 4.6 and at Port Talbot to 5.7 against nine or more before the strike, well inside the target of 8.5 throughout the corporation by the end of this year.

Will it be enough to ensure the survival of the two integrated Welsh plants? Manning and productivity levels comparable with some of the best in Europe are one thing; a strong market, firm prices and profitable orders are another.

Peter Hill

Fish plant begins to prove its worth

Industry in the regions

Breasclete, Western Isles

Mr Iain Sproat, the Conservative MP for South Aberdeen and scourge of quangos, has picked on the fish processing plant at Breasclete in the Western Isles to show the "horrifying inability" of a quango to invest other people's money. The quango in mind is the Highlands and Islands Development Board which has invested £650,000 of public money in Breasclete on the Isle of Lewis. Mr Sproat was scathing about the plant's performance, citing 1979 when losses outstripped turnover.

The attack may yet prove to be rash and leave Mr Sproat with fish on his chin. The figures complained about were for the first year of operation when a heavy loss had been anticipated. In that year the plant was completely untried and not part of the fishery pattern for the area.

Last year turnover increased four-fold and this year it is expected to double again with a substantial fall in the loss. The market base is broadening encouragingly and recently boats from Hull and Peterhead have begun unloading catches at the Breasclete pier in East Loch Roag, using the loch as a centre for operations.

"Eight local boats land here now as well so we are slowly becoming an important alternative for vessels fishing in this locality", says Mr Munro Liston, general manager of the plant.

The attraction of Breasclete is its closeness to the Atlantic fishing grounds. Boats with 60 to 70 ton catches of white fish can land there without the long expensive voyage to the established markets.

It is a sea area until now neglected by the British fleet. The price skippers receive at Breasclete may be lower but the net result, so to speak, is no worse and they are able to return more quickly to the productive work of catching more fish.

Lewis Stokfisk, the company which runs the plant, was formed jointly by the highlands board and A/S Knut Stokkes of Aalesund, Norway. The £1.7m fish drying plant exports to traditional markets in Scandinavia, Europe and East Africa.

From the start the board expected that the project would take some little time to become accepted and established and there were some big teething problems.

"It is quite logical this should happen. It is on the edge of a sea area rich in fish that is not subjected to a lot of pressure." The demands for tusk saithe white and blue ling in prime condition has revived the traditional long-line method of fishing but with a modern automated system.

A Stornoway family converted a 114-foot Danish trawler the Anni Elisabeth to the "autoline" system. They had help from the highlands board and are now supplying Breasclete. Mr Liston admits there have been substantial difficulties for plant situated so far away from the markets. Drying the fish uses enormous amounts of energy and transporting it to the customers is costly. The time taken by the process means delay in securing a return and this has led to cash-flow problems.

Nigeria is an important customer for the product which is hardly appetizing to look at but contains a high concentration of protein.

"Nigeria is desperate for protein with more than 80 million mouths to feed and our production is ideal for the Third World market. It is light and easy to transport and does not require deep freezing", Mr Liston says.

Ronald Faux



The converted Danish trawler, Anni Elisabeth, unloading her catch at the Breasclete fish processing plant.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Promoting cooperative ventures

From the Director of the Co-operative Development Agency

Sir, Mr John Hands' letter (April 3) states the need for an organization to promote co-operatives but asserts that the Co-operative Development Agency is not meeting that need. This is surprising to anyone who looks at the facts.

I agree in general with Mr Hands' analysis of the functions that such an organization should discharge. With one exception, these are precisely what—within the limits of the resources available to it—the agency is doing. The exception is supplying loan capital, or loan guarantees. Parliament decided that the agency should not have a financing role.

The facts are apparent for anyone with eyes to see them. Since the agency became fully operational 18 months ago, as its work has become known, it has had to deal with a steadily and strongly rising number of cases. The total stands at over a thousand. Not all, of course, bear fruit.

Of particular interest is the increasing extent which local authorities are looking to the agency for advice and help. And this is not the whole story by a long way. The agency is developing a number of new cooperative forms: neighbourhood cooperatives, marketing cooperatives, employee participation cooperatives and co-operative and training and enterprise workshop.

It has drawn new sets of model rules to provide much needed alternatives to the model available from the Industrial Common Ownership Movement, valuable though that is. It has negotiated an important tax concession with the Government. And it can claim a large part of the credit for alerting attention to the co-operative as a valid form of organization for doing business.

But it is about business. As the agency has constantly reiterate, cooperation is no easy option. It requires no commercial awareness and agerial skill than does a ventionally organized busi Given that, it provides advantage in motivation w contributes to the creation continuance of viable e prises and stable employ

As for the agency itse refute Mr Hands' sugge that it lacks motivation. Its ivation is not, of course, logically founded; and may regard this as a d The agency's approach work is practical and matic. Only in this way w successful industrial cooper sector be built up.

Yours faithfully,
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Pension scheme rights for pensioners

From Miss Pamela Duveen

Sir, I was pleased to see in Margaret Stone's report (Business News, March 25) that the Bank of England, as well as favouring more pension fund legislation, also share some of the unease expressed in the Wilson report that existing pensioners, as against current working members, have no say in the management of their scheme.

Since my retirement in 1979 I have become increasingly aware that the value of my main source of personal income—that is my occupational pension—is entirely reliant on the goodwill of the scheme's managers and the self interest of working members. This was brought home to me when a vote was taken of working members on a proposed uplift to pensions made possible by a massive surplus of funds, leaving existing pensioners feeling very much a disenfranchised body hoping for a lucky handout.

It can be argued that where working members are being asked to pay an increase in contributions, which will secure them better terms for the calculation of a pension, they should have a say. Is it so clear that they should be the only ones to vote on the distribution of a surplus?

With increasing rewards from employment there are increasing expectations from retirement and, though pension terms are more and more a subject for negotiation between employer and trades union, once a pensioner, and outside both union and work place, you are well and truly on your own. There is real cause for concern that pensioners have no voice in the management of their occupational pension scheme, but who is there to press their case?

Yours faithfully,
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Electric supply industry

From Sir Kelvin Spencer

Sir, An article in your March 31 issue "Steel industry wants new deal on energy", quotes Mr Ian Blakey (director, British Independent Steel Producers Association) as saying "there must be grounds for disquiet about the relative efficiency of the United Kingdom electricity industry".

There are indeed. Some of them have been noted in the recent report of the House of Commons Select Committee on Energy (114-1). One of the 91 conclusions and recommendations reads: "Enormous past nuclear investments have had exceptionally low productivity; great resources have been used with little direct return and serious net loss".

Sir Arthur Hawkins, giving evidence to the Select Committee on Science and Technology (December 18, 1973) stated that the AGR programme was "a catastrophe we must not repeat". Yet two more of them are now being built. In noting this, the recent report (114-1) states: "What the various problems with the AGR programme so far have in common is the additional and wholly avoidable financial burden they have imposed directly on the electricity consumer and indirectly on the tax payer".

Is it not time some new blood was injected into the electricity supply industry?

Yours, etc,
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Engineers – 'the neglected men

From Mr A. P. Woolrich

Sir, Mr Caplen (Letters, 26) raises a valid point the neglect of engineers and is to be supported i plea for more programm be produced on television ing with their work.

The reason why enginee neglected today is, I feel of the results of the negl the study of technical hist our colleges and univer The growth of social and e mic history in them wa matched by a correspondi terest in the history of tec themselves or the lives o early engineers. What has been done has concent on the social or economic e of technical change, rather the detail of the tech changes themselves.

Even the nineteenth ce engineering names which so familiar now are la known by the chance Samuel Smiles wrote so about them. There are engineers of the time awa biographers, but until the more of an awareness in demic circles that the fiel technical history is worth tematic research they will, largely, remain in unjust vion. Mechanical engine has been badly served by torians, probably because torians with specialized e eering knowledge are need evaluate changing enginee processes properly. Civil gineering, in contrast attracted attention, possibly cause so many Victorian r from our railways and ca are still standing.

More published results, specially written TV grammes about these negle men, will undoubtedly do n to make better known the of our modern engineers.

Yours sincerely,
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Why the stock market took the bait

: is not unusual for the equity market to ke off as unemployment moves towards a clical peak. Whether that peak will come ter this year or some time next year is ybody's guess. But for the moment the arket believes it can see economic covery somewhere and the pack has set f in full cry.

Regardless, perhaps, of whether economic tivity does start to pick up over the ming months or merely stops declining, ere are certainly a number of plus points at can be made for equities.

The corporate sector is a great deal leaner d healthier than it was a couple of years o; private sector pay settlements continue decelerate; there is a strong feeling that e government will not allow sterling to preciate strongly again, if that is the way arket forces appear to be shaping up; and ere looks to be a good prospect of a rther point or two off MLR by early mmer.

Moreover, as far as investors are conrned, it would seem that the government's ll on capital markets should be held in eck, leaving a greater proportion of long m investment funds available for rporate sector investment.

Indeed, one almost feels that some nsion fund managers may be piling into uities now having taken the 2 per cent al return offered by the government on first index-linked issue as something of insult to their investment skills.

While the equity market is going strong, it as well to notice, however, that there are such signs of enthusiasm at present in e gilt-edged market. In part, that can be t down to the current bout of indigestion e market is suffering after the fairly heavy nding of the past couple of months.

But it is not the only explanation. Once estors put on their gilt-edged hats they rt to talk in rather more cautious tones out prospects. The Budget may have been ther tougher than had been expected, but ere is still a strong feeling after the periences of the past that the government ally does have to deliver this time.

Additionally, there is concern that private ctor credit demand has not really decelered enough for comfort at this stage of the cle. In other words, and the more so if the iblic sector is not effectively controlled, ort-term *interest rates* may not be falling uch farther or for much longer. And just complicate matters further one can make l kinds of projections as to how the yield rve will develop over the rest of the year cording to what happens to overseas terest rates, the real oil price and the nsequent behaviour of sterling.

Through all these uncertainties, the case r staying with equities is quite simply that e economy will soon start to recover of its n accord or, failing that, the Government ll be forced to start progressive reflation om the autumn onwards. A sustained bull arket in equities requires the former ther than the latter.

onrho's debts

orrowing verseas

nrho will be hitting the foreign currency rrowing trail again soon with a Swiss nc 80m 10-year convertible issue managed Banque Keyser Ullmannen Suisse expecl in the Swiss capital market sometime in next month.

Although this will be Lonrho's first foray o the convertible market, it has become a rly regular currency borrower since it e an understaking to the Monopolies nmission during the Suits investigation reschedule more of its heavy short-term nmitments onto a longer-term basis to prove its overall funding position.

ts previous currency issues include two aight Swiss franc ones, two Deutschemark ies totalling 100m for seven and eight rs and a French franc 270m credit over years.

t the end of 1978 Lonrho's gross debt £74m of which only £26m was long term is and the latest figure shows overall is of £290m of which £130m is now long 1, although the overall funding position ltered by the sharp rise in bank loans ne interim.

ut Lonrho's systematic foreign currency owing contrasts with the majority of r British international groups who, by large, have shied away from currency owing, apart from the occasional Eurod issue to fund an overeseas acquisition, owing the currency scars many like lop are nursing after sterling's steady reciation during the 1970s.

Who is right? Lonrho argues that because gh proportion of its assets and dividend me is South African-based, whose currency tends to follow the European ones, currency-matching is not quite so out of kilter.

Even on straight currency considerations, however, the strength of sterling since the ending of exchange controls and North Sea oil began flowing—coupled with the still *relatively low interest rates available in* Europe—has made foreign currency borrowing very attractive.

Depending on how much faith you have in sterling in the 1980s, foreign currency borrowing could become more popular unless our own corporate bond market swings back into action. How many corporate treasurers are likely to have enough faith to overcome their mismatching nightmares?

Garage companies

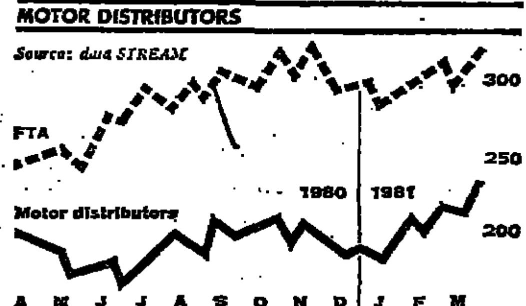
Only for the bold

Garage companies offer excitement. The biggest, strongest and probably the best, Kennings, had its best year in 1978-79 when pre-tax profits were £8.4m or 3.5 per cent of sales. In 1979-80 they fell to £3.1m, equal to 1.2 per cent of sales. By garage standards this was excellent. The largest BL dealer, Henlys, saw 1979 profits of £4.3m give way to 1980 losses of £387,000 and the smaller BL dealers fared far worse. Dividends were slashed or passed, which must be remembered when looking at ostensibly high yields.

Another drawback is that of the 30-odd quoted garage companies, only Kennings, Henlys and possibly BSG International engage institutional interest. And even the leaders are small fry. Henlys is capitalized at little more than £13m and a medium sized concern such as Caffyns at less than £4.5m. So investors in motor distributors must be quick to sell when the time comes.

Nearly all the stocks in the sector are already at, or nudging, this year's highs, so they are already looking well beyond a lacklustre year for sales to (one hopes) a boom in 1982. Last year car registrations were 1.51m, nearly 12 per cent down on the year before, making it the worst in motor distributors' memory.

The *sales slump caught them with* huge stocks carried at high interest rates. Unloading these stocks led to a collapse in prices and severe stock write downs. Before the recent Budget, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders predicted a further 6 per cent fall in sales to 1.42m units this year. Now, industry estimates point to only 1.35m or so. Some observers disagree, arguing that petrol in real terms is no dearer now than a few years ago, and that a fall in interest rates on deposits will release money for spending on cars.



Even so, the outlook is still not bright. If, as some say, there are still 450,000 or so cars in stock, discounting will continue, wrecking margins and implying more write downs.

There is another reason for caution. Last year Ford was the market leader while BL had its worst year ever, with only 18 per *cent of the market. This year the roles* could be reversed after the acclaim which greeted the Metro in October. BL dealers could show sharper profit recoveries this year than Ford distributors, but cautious investors should stick to Ford dealers. The Dagenham group supervises its distributors like Marks & Spencer does its suppliers.

However, garage companies have two big things going for them. First, interest charges last year were frequently 100 per cent to 50 per cent of any pre-tax profits. These charges will drop steeply this year, particularly at Appleyards and Henlys where surplus assets have been sold. Second, most distributors have plenty of property which is frequently suitable for alternative uses. Appleyards, for example, had a 1980 pre-tax loss of £1.88m. But interest charges were £1.86m. Out went surplus property, and borrowings fell sharply, but only towards the end of 1980. This indicates the extent of the interest saving in 1981.

The wealth of property also points to the sector's other attraction—the vulnerability of many distributors to take-over bids.

President Giscard offers himself for reelection later this month. David Blake reports

French economic policy under test

Something very unusual happened to the French economy last year. The Government held the growth of the money supply to the target which it had set.

Four years after the Barre plan was announced by the "first economist in France", as President Giscard D'Estaing calls his Prime Minister, the great monetarist experiment began to take *effect*. Well, almost. For the truth is that behind the rhetoric of being the most monetarist Government in Europe with the possible exception of our own, the French administration has been pursuing a very careful policy aimed at balancing the conflicting demands of growth and price stability.

The fruits of that policy will be judged later this month as the French go to the polls to elect a President for a new *seven-year term*.

Most of the opinion surveys suggest that French voters have a low opinion of what has been achieved and an even lower view of what is likely under seven more years of Giscardism.

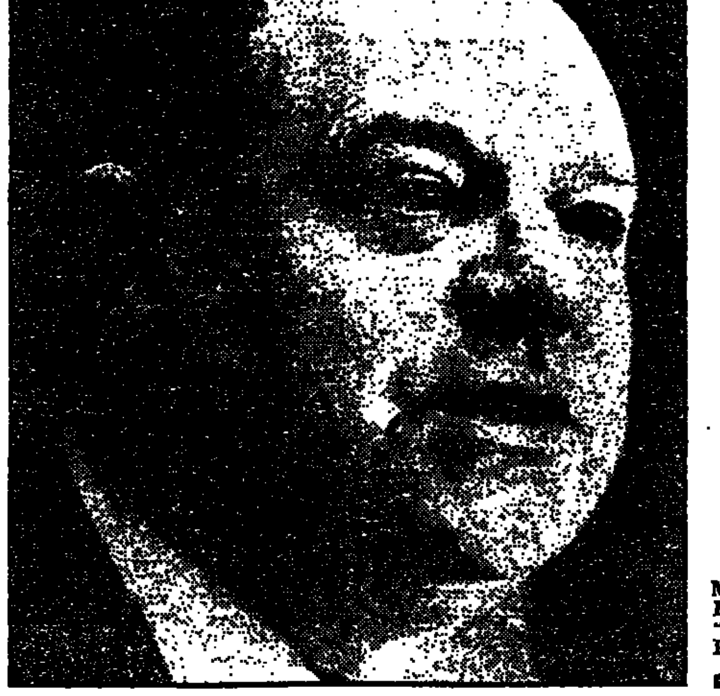
Yet by British standards the record is an impressive one. The French economy produced about 1½ per cent more last year than it did in 1979 (measured in terms of gross *domestic product*), *a sharp con*trast to the 2½ per cent drop in output recorded in the United Kingdom.

Retail prices for 1980 as a whole were 13.6 per cent up on the preceding year, compared to 18 per cent in the United Kingdom. Unemployment rose by 0.6 percentage points between the end of 1979 and the end of 1980, from 6.2 per cent to 6.8 per cent. In Britain it went up by three percentage points from 5.3 per cent to 8.3 per cent.

More striking even than the gap between the two countries performances in 1980 is the success the French have had in avoiding the violent swings in both inflation and output which have happened in the United Kingdom. French output has grown by around 3 per cent each year.

The inflation rate has bumped along at about 10 per cent, sometimes going up in times of an inflationary shock (usually oil prices), sometimes falling to around 9 per cent.

Less acceptably, unemployment has risen by about 100,000 a year, with increases of over 200,000 in bad years but nothing to compare with the million experienced over the past year in Britain.



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M Raymond Barre (left), the French Prime Minister, the "first economist in France" as President Giscard calls him.

This is all very different from the scheme of things set out in the Barre plan. France's equivalent of our medium-term financial strategy which was launched just over four years ago.

The aims and the rhetoric of that plan were very similar to those adopted by the Government in Britain. It hoped to squeeze inflation out of the system by imposing control on the money supply. The problems the plan has faced and the way the French Government has adapted to them lie at the heart of the French economic management.

The first, and most important, point to note is that the French Government has not really meant what it said about *giving priority to monetary* targets. The targets are set for the year ahead to be consistent with the way the economy is thought likely to move. The Government forecasts the inflation rate and the desired movement in output in the year ahead to give it an estimate of the likely change in money output; it then sets its target for *the money supply a point or* two below this level.

That means the targets cannot be set at a level inconsistent with what is happening in the real economy. But French pragmatism does not stop there. The success rate in actually holding down growth in money supply to the target figure is poor. In 1979, for example, a 10 per cent monetary target resulted in 14.3 per cent *growth*.

That sort of slippage seems not to worry the French too greatly. Nor does the strain of trying to meet their monetary targets impose itself in the form of higher interest rates, which have bedevilled the Government's policies in the United Kingdom.

France has always been a *dirigiste* country and when the French want to control money *they impose controls on credit.* Bank lending in France is restricted by the system of *encadrement* a sort of supercorset which limits how much banks can let their customers have.

To ease the squeeze, some kinds of lending for investment and housebuilding are just left free to grow outside the *encadrement* system. That keeps at least some sectors of the economy buoyant, though it has meant quite a tough grip being maintained on consumer lending.

Lying behind all of these measures is the belief that it is not worthwhile destroying the engine of economic growth just to meet monetary targets in any given year. But in spite of this level-headed approach, the government has found itself trapped in a position where just to stop inflation rising, let alone get it falling, it has had to accept increasing unemployment each year.

It is this which seems likely to be the main weakness in the Government's position in the election.

Unemployment is now 1.6 million and rising. Each year the workforce grows by about 250,000, so that that many extra jobs have to be created just to stand still.

But the job prospects in the country's older industries, such as steel and textiles are grim. They are going through a painful period of contraction as the country adjusts to the new industrial structure which it will need to compete in the 1990s. Forecasts for the mid-1980s vary but few question that unemployment could go above 2½ million by the middle of this decade.

The rise in unemployment which has already occurred and the prospect of worse to come has embarrassed the Government. Matters have been made worse by the fact that during the past few months France has been suffering a milder version of the downturn which has afflicted the rest of Europe.

This has focused attention on the long-term problems which the Government faces and the doubts about whether it can prevent the problem of joblessness getting out of hand. Although the rise in unemployment is slow, the Government's record is already worse than that of Germany.

Opponents of the Government are demanding that the economy should be expanded faster, either through public spending or tax cuts. The President has come up with his own scheme which he says will create a million jobs but which will actually reallocate jobs already existing. Migrant workers would be sent home and early retirement encouraged.

At the same time the Government is stepping up its efforts to move France into the forefront of the growth industries of the second half of this decade. Public spending is being used aggressively to boost industries such as telematics, the word the French have invented to describe the cross-breeding of computers and telecommunications.

Huge investment in nuclear power is pressing ahead to cut down the country's dependence on imported oil, thus making the economy less vulnerable in future to the actions of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

By British standards, France has been a success over the past five years. Its economy has kept on a steady upward path. But by the standards the French had come to accept, with 5 per cent growth and negligible unemployment, the problems look ominous.

We shall see later this month whether it is the fact that they have done better than most other countries or worse than they would like which weighs heaviest in French minds.

Oliver Stanley

Have small businesses been let down again?

According to the Chancellor of the Exchequer the plum in his stodgy Finance Bill pudding is the business start-up scheme: "A striking new incentive to channel investment into small business".

This is the third successive Finance Bill which has included thick slabs of new law designed to encourage investment and risk-taking, and the scheme certainly breaks new ground. Alas on reading clauses 50 to 63 all the welcoming congratulatory noises die in the throat.

The concept is simple: income tax relief for individuals who take an equity stake in new companies: an anglicized *loi monorie* mark two. In last year's mark one—the venture capital scheme—your money had to be hopelessly lost to secure relief.

Not so in mark two but relief is cancelled so far as an investor gets back value within five years of his investment. Value includes repayment of invested capital, cash benefits or facilities other than ordinary interest or dividends. All that seems fair enough.

It is the laborious rule about the qualifying status of the company and the investor which begin to generate doubts and reservations. The trade must be a new venture, and must not have been going for more than three years before the investor puts in his money. It must not consist to any substantial extent of dealing in goods, commodities or land, which seems to exclude all retailing wholesaling and some manufacturers.

Banking, insurance and finance companies fail to qualify and there are supplementary rules defying summary. The investors' stake must amount to less than 30 per cent of combined equity and low capital or voting power. He must not be an employee, paid director, or relative of employees or directors nor the partner or trustee. The company must not be part of a group nor a 51 per cent subsidiary.

The investor cannot put in less than £1,000 nor more than *£10,000* and above *all* there must be prospects of profit. Moreover, there must be no tax avoidance *intention*.

So multifarious are the rules that they would exclude any combination of businesses and investors not specifically created to comply. The Revenue is determined to avoid creating statutory tax avoidance vehicles like those widely marketed in recent years.

Tax *shelters*, as they are known in the United States, have included films, pop music, records and containers. They are based on the proposition that risk of net loss can be reduced or eliminated by built-in tax relief. The Revenue has adopted a hostile posture and is fighting to deny relief similar to that which the business start-up scheme offers. But some tax shelters are commercially viable.

What is so disappointing is that the start-up scheme has been composed with total disregard for ordinary principles of investment and corporate finance. By implication it requires that company managers shall not possess the experience or track record needed to justify any small investor backing them. These criteria would need to be evidence in a prospectus. If they were, relief would be forfeit.

Backing outsiders is for mug punters. Institutional investors expect a profit record in excess of say £100,000 a year as a minimum. Small minority private investors, so-called Aunt Agathas, are entitled to expect better past performance before plonking savings into the hot little hands of controlling directors.

It will be a rare manufacturing company which achieves acceptable investment standards within three years, the maximum time allowed. Any that have achieved an appropriate success record are unlikely to require share subscriptions in units of £10,000 which would be trivial compared with the total amount of capital employed.

Any who came forward would have collateral reasons, that is they would be employees brothers or owners of associated concerns and all these are statutorily excluded. It follows that the vision of small investors backing untried manufacturers in unproven enterprises exists only in Somerset House and not *in real life.*

Financiers need to be rich and resolute. To encourage a breed of poor financiers to go into business on terms weighted against them seems irresponsible. However, the scheme is expected to elicit only a negligible response. It is calculated that only £50m in tax is likely to be lost, although the estimate is admittedly "highly uncertain". Also the rules of this new game can be loosened up during the committee stage of the Finance Bill and have been drawn tightly enough to permit that to occur.

It is depressing that the Government is taking so cynical a view of tax incentives. "Helping small firms" has become a way of pretending to reduce tax without actually doing so. Once upon a time real tax incentives were on offer: 100 per cent allowances and grants to persuade industry to reequip with modern plant.

It is doubtful whether even such incentives could ever lead to national economic prosperity, but if these efforts failed what hope for this puny specimen?

Business Diary profile: Chompin' at the Savoy

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everything that's excellent."

is snatch of *Iolanthe* may be hummed by one side he other when later this c, possibly on Thursday, isel for Sir Hugh Wontner, the Savoy Hotel Group for Sir Charles Forte and thouse Forte emerge from aring before a judge.

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o determined manages are at odds, each conting that it is the fitter to tain and improve the tran of excellence in hotel ing established when the y was itself established, to a degree disputed by

ough not the first time a r has assailed the group, present bid—by one Briquoted company for her—arouses more concern when, five years ago, the lly opulent and even more nsive Dorchester was ht by Arabs.

92, the Savoy is 40 years ger than Harrods and 104 years younger than *The Times*.

And like Harrods and *The Times*, with their present and recent ownership struggles, the degree to which the image is commensurate with reality is being put to the test in a shrinking market by competitors perhaps less august but at least as determined.

What, then, is the Savoy, conceived by Richard D'Oyly Carte to cash in on *Gilbert and Sullivan*, managed by Charles Ritz and victualled by Escoffier, that it should now invoke not comic opera but Wagner, with Savoy chairman Sir Hugh casting himself as Siegfried to Sir Charles's Albrecht (or is it *Hagen?*)

With eight years to go to its centenary, the Savoy is neither the oldest of London's best-known hotels (Brown's is 48 years older) nor the biggest (it has 201 rooms, less than half that of the THF flagship, the Grosvenor House).

It is not even the most expensive, for the best suites can be had for just under £250 a night, which is about £50 less than it would cost for the Oliver Messel suite at the Dorchester.

To me, before I ever went there, the Savoy meant music, American music. It meant records, or radio broadcasts from the River Room, Carroll Gibbons at his white piano playing *On the Air* with his Savoy Orpheans.

My first memory of the hotel was unpleasant, though since modified by the unfailing courtesy and helpfulness of the staff.

I went there to report the annual meeting of the British Hotels, Restaurants and Caterers' Association, a task more honourable than enthralling, and at the close I sought to check a point with the then chairman, Sir Hugh Wontner.

"Oh, I don't see that I need answer that, do you?", he said airily and turned away.

The Savoy: A hotel "wrestling on its laurels".

However, times change: Sir Hugh now seeks the cooperation of the press in his struggle to have the shareholders *distinguish favourably between* his management and that of the autocrat of Grosvenor House. And I find myself asking even bigger questions, such as "What is the Savoy?"

"The Savoy? It's rather like a flying boat: very attractive, but not much use nowadays." This was the instant reply from the manager of a THF hotel in the West End, newly-recruited from another group.

The reaction of an American guest at the Savoy was also that of qualified friendliness.

The Savoy, she said, was "old school". It was about service and typifed an idea Americans liked to have of a more expansive England. Still more Americans liked to come to see what other, yet richer and more celebrated Americans dine or stay there (the composer Stephen Sondheim was due there at the weekend, John Huston, and Lily Tomlin have just been).

Summing up, she said of the hotel: "I think it could use a little sprucing up, a little livening." Of the present management, she said: "I think they are so anxious to preserve it they might mummify it."

Having had pro and con I struck the middle ground when at a reception I met Dries de Vaal, a partner in hotel consultants Greene, Belfield, Smith.

This consultancy, de Vaal told me, has worked for both *the Savoy and THF but at the* moment has a contractual relationship with neither.

"Some of the other top-class London hotels, the Inn on the Park and the Inter-Continental among them, have consistently achieved higher occupancy levels at prices similar or even higher than the Savoy's," he said.

Until a couple of years ago, there had been too little capital spending on the group's hotels, the Savoy *included*. "While they have been making efforts to get back their image in line with their previous standing, they are still not there."

The Savoy, he said, would suffer further in its image through a THF takeover to the extent that THF's own image was more diffuse, taking in not only five-star hotels but airport catering.

On the other hand, the Savoy, he thought, would benefit from "THF's management expertise, THF's purchasing power and THF marketing muscle worldwide."

And in a delightful slip of the tongue which perhaps sums up the matter, the Savoy, de Vaal said, had been "wrestling on its laurels".

Ross Davies

FINANCIAL NEWS

Scottish Television recovers from strike

Scottish Television made a complete recovery last year from the effects of 1979's eleven-week ITV strike, with profits, before tax, bouncing back from £1.72m to £2.03m, fractionally better than the £2.02m made in 1978. Turnover jumped 50 per cent to £27.6m, at the December 31, 1980, year-end.

Dividends have also risen sharply after marking time for two years. Payments for 1980 total 12.1p gross—23.5 per cent higher than the previous year. Sir Campbell Fraser, STV's chairman, stated: "The year ended on a high note with the award of a new contract for the next eight years", in the Independent Broadcasting Authority's round of awards.

However, STV's recovery in 1980 from the 1979 ITV strike was slowed down by the rising cost of making programmes and staffing the network; and since the start of this year, advertising growth has been slowing down.

Sir Ian warned shareholders that "considerable pressure" will be exerted on STV's profits this and next year in the face of these factors.

St Joe Minerals agrees merger with Fluor

St. Joe Minerals, the American mining company for which Seagram, the Canadian drinks group, has bid $2,000m, has agreed to merge with Fluor, the Californian construction giant.

Fluor has offered $60 a share for St Joe—$15 a share more than the bid by Seagram. Fluor is also offering 1.2 of its own shares for each of the St Joe shares outstanding after the cash tender offer for 45 per cent of St Joe's equity.

The offer values St Joe at about $1,000m more than Seagram's original bid. Unlike the first offer it is not contingent on everturning some states' takeover laws. Attempts by St Joe to have the Seagram bid blocked in the courts failed.

The merger is one of the three major bids for mining companies running concurrently in America. Kennecott, the country's biggest copper producer, has agreed to a $1,800m bid by Standard Ool of Ohio. Amax, a leading natural resources company, is fighting the $4,000m bid by Standard Oil of California.

Leasco option purchase

Leasco Corporation announced in New York that it will exercise today an option agreement with Warner Communications to buy 270,500 shares of common stock of Reliance Group at a price of $76.50 per share.

As a result of this transaction, Leasco will own 1.6m shares of Reliance Group common stock, or in excess of 25 per cent of Reliance Group's outstanding common stock.

On September 23rd, 1980, Leasco paid $2.7m (about £1.2m) for the option to purchase the Reliance Group common stock from Waner during the period between March 16, 1981, until April 7, 1981.

Crown extends offer for Denbyware

By Our Financial Staff

Crown House has extended its bid for Denbyware, the pottery group, until April 23, the day before last when it can improve its £3.4m offer.

It has only received 0.05 per cent of acceptances by the first closing date but said that Denbyware's lack of a profits' forecast in its defence document lead to the conclusion that the tableware side would continue to make significant losses and a further dividend cut may be likely.

Crown House also pointed that the Denbyware chairman, Mr George Robinson, had been unable to forecast that the tableware side would be profitable in 1982.

Denbyware's board, whose friends and associates hold more than 40 per cent of shares, has described the 80p-a-share offer as "impudent".

Sharna Ware slumps to £393,000

Plastics products manufacturer and cash and carry merchant Sharna Ware saw its pretax profits fall from £1.07m to £393,000 for the year to December 31, but its dividend is 4.2 per cent up at 4.96p gross, after a £614,000 tax credit, reflecting the higher interim payment but a maintained final.

All divisions were profitable but margins on the manufacturing side came under pressure. Group sales rose 5 per cent to £15.9m.

£186m aerospace sales

Britain's aerospace industry exported a record £186m of goods in January, the Society of British Aerospace Companies said. This was £50m up on January, 1980.

Market seeks pointer to MLR cut

Last week's hectic market trading was partly inspired by confidence that lower interest rates would come. So the market will be looking closely at the state of the money supply and the PSBR figures released this week to see if hopes of such cuts have a firm base.

The results are expected to show evidence that the money supply and the Government's borrowing requirements are under control.

Other economic pointers out today are the wholesale price index for March from the Department of Industry, hire purchase and other instalment credit business for February and retail sales from the Department of Trade.

Also due tomorrow are the London clearing bank's monthly statement and provisional figures for vehicle production for March. On Thursday the Treasury gives the Government's PSBR transactions. The Department of Industry releases finished steel consumption and stock changes for the fourth quarter, and the building societies give monthly figures for March on Friday.

Companies reporting will show mixed news. There should be few surprises from BICC on Wednesday since pretax profit estimates accompanied the group's recent acquisition of the US Boschert electronics concern. BICC is expected to show pretax profits up some 13 per cent to £74.6m. The dividend is expected to be lifted about 10 per cent.

A breakdown of profits has not been released but analysts are pointing to recovery in the industrial division, with profits up to £6.6m against £3.7m last time. Cables UK, is expected to to show depressed volume but small growth from £17m to £18m and international trading a slight increase to about £37.5m, which disguises losses from copper stocks.

The group is expected to benefit in 1981—profits estimates are £84m—since BICC started rationalizations three to five years ago and can therefore weather the recession better than others.

This week

Bowater reports on Thursday and pretax profit forecast range between the £70m and £80m mark. Analysts have revised earlier estimates, and the middle range looks at profits of £78m with a maintained dividend. Although Bowater



Lord Erroll of Hale, chairman of Bowater.

recently announced it had withdrawn from cotton trading, this side of the business will still show a £6m loss for the last year.

Losses too of about £8m are anticipated from the United Kingdom newsprint concerns. At the half-way stage profits were up five per cent to £44.7m but the group warned that UK trading continued under pressure, with no signs of recovery. But the North American trading operations, which in the first half year continued at capacity, are again expected to reach a record level.

The better than expected results from the Freemans (London, SW9) mail order group last week have tended to push analysts' forecasts for Grattan Warehouses and Empire Stores upwards. Although national forecasts suggest that volume in mail order businesses were down by 2 per cent in the second half of 1980 compared with 1979 some would say this is too drastic.

Empire Stores, after a 34 per cent profits drop at the interim stage, £2.3m are expected to make about £5.5m to £6m in the full year against £9.1m in 1979. Some have pointed to a 30 per cent decline in volume in the second half at Empire



Sir Raymond Pennock, chairman of BICC.

but the drop is not expected to be so great.

But results from Grattan Warehouses are expected to paint a very different picture. After profits of £2m at the interim stage analysts expect losses in the second half and perhaps losses in the full year. In 1979 profits were £4.45m.

Estimates for Taylor Woodrow's results vary between static profits of £24.6m to anything up to a 10 per cent profits increase. At the interim stage the construction group revealed that trading was tough on the international front but that home order books were overflowing with orders some 60 per cent higher than in the previous year.

But working on tight profit margins the group turned in first-half profits only 7 per cent higher at £8.2m.

TODAY: Interims: Bryant Hldgs, Greencoat Props, Highland Distillers. Finals: Alva Invest, Blantyre Tea, Dreamland Electrical Appliances, M. Mole and Son, Reed Executive.

TOMORROW: Interims: CLRP Invest, MD (Mangula), Scottish Metropolitan Property. Finals: Aquascutum and Assd Cos, Ash and Lacy (amended), Bestwood Co, John Finlan, Highcroft Invest, KCA Intl, Laing Props, Southampton Isle of Wight and South of England Royal Steam Packets, Standard Chartered Bank.

WEDNESDAY: Interims: Dowding and Mills, North Atlantic Secs, Peter Stores, Photo-Me Intl, Sterling Credit (amended), Walker and Homer. Finals: Aurora Hldgs, Bifurcated Engineering, BICC, Christies Intl, Dorada Hldgs, Empire Stores (Bradford), Gill and Duffus Grp, Glynwed, Grattan Warehouses, Greenbank Industrial, Higgs and Hill, S. Jerome and Sons, Lec Refrigeration, London Brick, New London Props, Portals, Royal Worcester, Senior Engineering, A. G. Stanley, H. Sykes, Yorkshire Chemicals.

THURSDAY: Interims: Dhami Hldgs. Finals: Assd Book Publishers, Automotive Products, Blackwood Hodge, Bowthorpe Hldgs, Bowater Corp, Clarke, Nickolls and Coombs, Feb Intl, General and Commercial Invest, General Investors and Trustees, Green's Economiser, Lead Inds, F. J. C. Lilley, Midland Inds, Morgan Crucible, Ruberoid, Stewart Wrightson, Taylor Woodrow, Tioxide Grp, Ward White Grp, Watts, Blake, Bearne, George Wills and Sons.

FRIDAY: Interims: None announced. Finals: Brown Boveri Kent, Fothergill Harvey, Lyle Shipping, F. Miller (Textiles), Rock Darham.

Margareta Pagano

Ramar Textiles improves

County Durham dressma[ker] Ramar Textiles turned fro[m a] £200,000 interim profit t[o a] £150,000 loss in the twent[y] weeks to November 30, 1[980] but says it is now opera[ting] profitably.

Stocks have been cut b[ut] Borrowing costs were hig[h in] the first part, while mar[gins] fell. Sales were £6.5m, ag[ainst] £7.1m, over a twenty-seven [week] period the year before. [The] board now hopes to see a [full] year profit. The group [does] not pay interim dividends.

George Spencer do[wn] to £1,000 pretax

Nottingham knitwear g[roup] George Spencer's profits [fell] from £32,000 to a little [over] £1,000 in the year to Dece[mber] 31.

There is no final divi[dend] though a 1.14p gross int[erim] payment was made earlier. [Sales] slipped 1.2 per cent to £13[m].

Interest charges rose [more] than 44 per cent to £202[,000]. There was a small tax c[redit] of £86,000. The pre-tax p[rofit] is struck after bad debts [and] a backdated water auth[ority] charge.

William Jacks omit[s] final dividend

Car distributor Wil[liam] Jacks' turnover rose 4.4 [per] cent to £14.5m in the yea[r to] December 31 but, its pr[ofits] before tax fell from £411,00[0 to] £221,000 and there is no [final] dividend.

An interim payment of [...] gross was paid earlier in [the] year.

There is an extraordi[nary] debit of £160,000, leaving [the] group with a net loss of £141[,000] after overseas taxes an[d a] small United Kingdom [tax] credit. Current cost losses a[fter] tax work out at £430,000.

Civil engineering lo[ss] slows Stanley Mille[r]

Heavy losses at its Dorin[...] sidiary on a civil engineer[ing] contract, as well as losse[s in] its private housebuilding [...] and the overseas assciate, [...] Newcastle-upon-Tyne bui[lder] Stanley Miller Holdings [...] pretax profits of only £60[...] for the year to December [...] against £263,000.

Dividends have been m[ain]tained at 2p gross after [...] £467,000 tax credit. Gr[oup] sales rose to £16.9m from £1[...]. The Saudi associate comp[any] lost £27,000 but its performa[nce] is expected to improve.

Brokers' views

Uncertain outlook in equities

Last week the *FT* Index of the top thirty companies reached 541.9, its highest level in 22 months, and just 16.7 short of its all-time high achieved on May 4, 1979.

The question now being asked by many investors is just how long can the equity market sustain the resilience which has seen it shrug off lower profits, reduced dividends and a deflationary budget?

In his monthly indicator of the equity market analyst Keith Percy, of brokers Phillips & Drew, says that rarely can the medium term outlook for equities have been blurred by so much uncertainty surrounding the success of the Government's policies and such important market variables as sterling and inflation.

Certainly, he adds, the short-term outlook for profits has worsened and share prices look significantly overvalued in terms of p/e ratios. Against this, he argues, equities look reasonably valued compared with long gilt yields and will probably move upwards, if as he believes, long gilt yields decline in the future.

As a result, the upside potential for share prices does not seem large, but the downturn also seems limited unless dividends and profits take a turn for the worse.

Brokers Quilter Hilton Goodison reckon that although the Budget came in for strong criticism it was a direct attempt to bring the money supply under control. Furthermore, the economic outlook has not been substantially altered by the Chancellor's measures and it now looks as if the worst of the recession is over and an improvement in company profitability is expected by the end of 1981.

This view, they add, is reinforced by the recent strength of the capital goods market which supports their view that the equity market is likely to continue to perform reasonably strongly for the remainder of the year.

According to brokers Bone Fitzgerald, the gilt market can be justifiably proud of its recent achievement, which saw it process a record amount of stock. A total of £1,400m has been issued, of which the non-banking sector has bought a net £8,500m.

Even though MLR was cut by five points in the last financial year and the scope for cuts in the new period is likely to be a lot less, longer dated bonds should still provide similar total returns.

Michael Clark

Business appointments

Fisons Fertilizers director

Mr Peter W. Gibbs has joined the board of Fisons Fertilizer Division with responsibility for sales, marketing and distribution. He was formerly the marketing and sales director of Quaker Oats.

Mr Clifford E. Dyball has become a director of Hinton Hill & Coles (Marine), a subsidiary of the Hinton Hill Group.

Mr Terence Higgins, managing director of Bruntingthorpe Gravels and Wanlip Gravels, is the new vice-chairman of the Sand & Gravel Association.

Mr B. H. Nicholson has been appointed a non-executive director of Evode Holdings.

Sir Donald Barron has been appointed chairman of the Confederation of British Industry's Education Foundation in succession to Sir John Partridge who has retired.

A chance to share in $800bn

Tarpon Springs, Florida.—American pensions funds today control assets of over $800,000m (£360,000m), but it is unlikely that more than 1 or 2 per cent of this massive volume is invested abroad, according to Mr Frederick Horne, a vice-president of the State Street Bank and Trust Company of Boston. He feels that many United States pensions funds are now activelyl searching for international investment advisers.

The opportunities for brokers and banks in London in serving as investment advisers and also as custodians of foreign securities owned by United States pension funds are immense. This was the opinion of a number of administrators of some of the largest pension funds in America that were attending a conference here arranged by the State Street Bank.

Many of the United States funds are becoming so big that diversification of their assets into as many different types of markets as possible is becoming essential, Mr Steven Brockbank, one of the managers of the pension fund of the General Telephone and Electronics Corporation, said. He noted that few foreign institutions are equipped yet to provide United States fund managers with the detailed information and very swift service that they have become used to from their United States advisers and custodians.

The services being developed by Extel in London in the research area are good, but not sufficiently comprehensive, he said. Managers here want to have very complete research on all the companies they invest in.

Briefing

In just the last few years Mr Brockbank's company has started to investigate abroad and now roughly 10 per cent of its $3,000m pension fund is invested overseas, with London merchant banks being the chief advisers.

Mr Anthony Albert of the World Bank noted that the bank's pension fund was probably the first United States fund to invest quite heavily in foreign shares and today roughly 20 per cent of the $450m in the fund is in foreign equities. The foreign portfolio is managed by one firm in London and another in Rotterdam.

The big United States pension funds have developed highly sophisticated systems for watching what their investment advisers do and comparing the performance of their assorted advisers. Some of the pension funds hire and fire advisers with great rapidity. Some are constantly giving small chunks of cash to new advisers to test them.

If British institutions want to move into this field aggressively, then they must expect to be monitored in a tough and direct manner.

The fund managers at this conference suggested that a London firm that could provide good research material, cover all non-United States markets and consistently secure reasonable performance rates, could do exceptionally well if it developed a marketing programme aimed now at attracting the United States pension funds. But it is not only in the investment area where rich rewards are to be had.

Mr Ronald Golz, a senior vice-president at State Street, is about to go to Europe and Asia in search of institutions which could act as custodians for the foreign securities held by United States pension funds.

State Street acts as custodian for $62,000m of assets owned by pension funds and mutual funds. It sometimes handles 10 per cent of the business volume on the New York Stock Exchange. It deals with all the paperwork involved in the buying and selling of securities by its fund clients, doing all the valuations and accounting and providing comprehensive management services.

State Street employs about 600 professionals in its custodian business, and it uses the most sophisticated computers. No British institution operates in the same way, can offer as comprehensive a service or is as mechanized.

But Mr Golz believed that it makes far more sense to seek custodians abroad who intimately know local markets, than for State Street to establish its own overseas custodian operations.

Frank Vogl
United States Economics Correspodent

Petroleum Exchange to get warm welcome

Whatever you may be seeing from your window, Spring is here in the commodity world, if not the real world. The first of the new crop of seasonally adjusted markets is the International Petroleum Exchange, which opens its refurbished doors in the old coffee market this morning.

There seems to be general enthusiasm for this new venture. The full complement of 35 floor members has been reached, and the market opens with 22 trade members. Mr Robin Woodhead, chairman of the market, expects that the number of trade members will rise to about 30 by the end of the week.

Interest extends beyond London commodity traders and brokers, however, to a good spectrum of the oil business. Majors—including British Petroleum which is a trade member—and physical oil traders, as well as merchants and the important Rotterdam and Rhine barge traders, will all have beady eyes fixed on the market's progress.

The main terms of the contract are little changed from those originally proposed. Deals are for a minimum of 100 tonnes of heating oil, denominated in US dollars, with a minimum price fluctuation of 25 cents.

The gas or heating oil, which if called upon you have to deliver, is similar except in its sulphur content to the successful New York contract. But the difference will allow for arbitrage, and it is partly with this possibility in mind that trading hours have been designed to encompass the Rotterdam ex-tank market and New York.

What has changed, however, is the little matter of the oil market. Physical stocks are very high, chiefly because of a mild winter, industrial depression, and efforts at conservation. Equally telling is a considerable excess of refining and cracking capacity. Refineries are running at roughly 60 per cent of their potential.

Commodities

As a consequence of these two factors, the overall market is exhibiting some pretty odd characteristics. The spot crude price is about $300 a tonne, valuing a London contract at $30,000. Experience of the last couple of years suggests that the ratio of crude to product prices is about 1:31. On that basis gas or heating oil should be fetching around $350 a tonne, so futures would trade at a premium to that.

But lo and behold it is not so. May delivery gas oil in New York was trading at about $290 on Friday, and September was $308.50, down from a quote of $321 at the end of February. Looking to the end of the year, December delivery gas oil on the New York Mercantile Exchange was at $325.50.

Only heavy fuel oil—the prime beneficiary of the drastic refining cut back—is not at a discount to spot crude.

How lighter products will move in this curious market is a subject of speculation, in every sense of that delicate word. Much depends on whether the oil companies prefer to buy heavy refined products to crack into lighter ones.

There is also the tricky question of why the spot crude price is holding up so strongly.

But such a market, however unusual, is probably good news for the IPE. Price movements and the hedging needs of users are essential to create volume.

Michael Prest
Commodities correspondent

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	12%
Barclays	12%
BCCI	12%
Consolidated Crdts	12%
C. Hoare & Co	*12%
Lloyds Bank	12%
Midland Bank	12%
Nat Westminster	12%
TSB	12%
Williams and Glyn's	12%

* 7 day deposit on sums of £10,000 and under 9%, up to £50,000 9¼%, over £50,000 10¼%.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Danger of the US miners' strike

Freight

Against expectations, the tentative settlement reached between the United States miners and their employers did not receive approval so the strike which began on March 27 continues and at this point in time no alternative offer is up for discussion.

Opinion has been expressed from a number of quarters that the scene is now set for a long dispute. The immediate threat to the shipping markets is not a great one, but obviously if a long strike becomes a real possibility then owners with vessels awaiting coal cargoes will be looking to switch them to other trades.

The problem here is that with around 150 vessels currently waiting at United States ports to load coal, there is no shortage of such owners. If there is no sign of a quick settlement, then owners in that queue will start transferring tonnage into the grain trades which could depress rates at a time when they are already suffering.

The going rate for grain shipments across the Atlantic, for vessels of 50 to 75,000 tons presently stands at around $17 and in the absence of any confirmed fixtures last week there appears to be no improvement in this position. Similarly, to the Far East, rates remain unchanged as illustrated by the $28.75 paid on 52,000 tons to Japan and the $42.65 secured by a 25,000-tonner to China, with the point of origin for both being the United States Gulf.

In the voyage sector, grain inquiries have been strong and included a tender to ship between 380,000 and 500,000 tons from Australia to Egypt between May and August. Several fixtures were also arranged for grain cargoes from Continental ports to North Africa and the Middle East.

Among other commodities, coal and sugar featured well and, for the latter, Russian charters were rumoured to be seeking tonnage to move cargoes from Cuba, as well as vessels for shipping grain, from the river Plate.

Time chartering showed a more consistent trend through the week with South American and Chinese companies being among the most active.

Considering the volume of bulkcarriers due to be delivered this year, unless world economic growth is better than forecast, dry-cargo rates are likely to continue to weaken through 1981. This prospect is referred to in a report just published by London shipbrokers, Lambert Brothers and they see no prospect of a recovery until well into next year when the level of world trade is expected to improve.

They also see no glimmers of hope for the tanker market with little if any chance of an improvement this year. The last seven days have seen a very subdued tanker market with little activity and few new inquiries. No change can be expected in conditions until the supply and demand equation comes more into balance, which requires a combination of owners placing tonnage into layup as well as the disposal of older and uneconomic units.

David Robinson

Weekly list of fixed interest stocks

Still undergoing an erratic uptrend

Euromarkets

The Eurobond market is still experiencing an erratic uptrend, but many market participants say the rally can easily be reversed by an abrupt rise in short-term interest or by a large increase in offerings, writes *A.P.—Dow Jones*.

Last week, short-term interest rates eased by about 75 basis points and prices finished with gains of a half-point or more. However, much exuberance left the market late in the week when short-term rates rebounded from their trading lows.

"A true rally in Europe will occur only when deposit rates move lower by 100 basis points", said Mr Charles Geisst, a Eurobond analyst at Hill Samuel and Co.

Another worry for market participants is the possibility that the market might be flooded with new issues if the interest cost descends much further.

"We have quite a few borrowers who are prepared to float issues at between 13 per cent and 13.50 per cent", the syndicate manager at one issuing house said.

At the moment, some prime borrowers are willing to pay 14 per cent or more for new issues. These rates are somewhat higher than those prevailing for seasoned issues. Consequently, investors have shown a willingness to exchange old bonds for new ones to improve the yield of their holdings.

Investment bankers say, however, that as yet there is not much evidence of a lot of "new" money moving into the market. Therefore, these bankers argue that the market could not handle a large volume of new issues without depressing the market.

A $40m, seven-year note offering of the European Coal and Steel Community was snapped up after being priced by the syndicate manager, Morgan Guaranty, at 99.5, bearing 14 per cent annually to yield 14.12 per cent at maturity.

Two issues by Canadian banks were reportedly receiving a good response. The Royal Bank of Canada is floating a $100m (US), five-year note issue at par, bearing 14 per cent and the Toronto Dominion Bank is floating a $50m three-year note issue at par, bearing 14 per cent. Merrill Lynch International is managing both transactions.

An unusual aspect is that the coupon and principal payments for both issues have been hedged against the Canadian dollar in the long-term forward foreign exchange market. As a result, the liability of the Canadian banks is effectively in Canadian dollars.

Eurobond prices (yields and premiums)

Wall Street

Inevitably, perhaps, last week's Wall Street surge was dubbed the Reagan Recovery Rally, coming as it did after trading had been abruptly suspended in mid-afternoon on Monday to prevent a panic.

It was as well the authorities acted as promptly as they did for in the 45 minutes between the first news that the President had been shot and the suspension, prices dropped sharply. Having been six points ahead, it fell by 8 points, to close that session at 992.16.

The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Friday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

The American Stock Exchange and then regional exchanges across the country followed the lead of the New York Exchange and within minutes all security dealing had stopped. The commodity markets stayed open, however, and as is typical in times of uncertainty, the price of gold surged. It was to drop back again later in the week.

With admirable foresight on Monday afternoon, First Boston Corporation's Mr James Davin predicted what, in fact, happened next.

"If Reagan is badly hurt, the reaction in the markets could be severe because he is the symbol of the new economics", he said. "But if he is up and around in a few days it could be very bullish for the market as congress and the country rallies round its wounded leader."

The next morning and the relief showed. In the next two days, the Dow Industrial Index surged by more than 20 points. And it closed on Friday at 1007.11.

It was the first time since the funeral of former President Johnson that the market had stayed closed for a political event. The panic at no time reached the pitch seen when President Kennedy was shot in 1963 when the market plunged 21 points in half an hour. But neither did the recovery. On that occasion, when it reopened, the market rebounded by 32 points.

After the rally there was some profit-taking on Thursday and Friday—but it seemed almost unpatriotic to sell—and the market went into the weekend 12 points higher than the previous Friday and comfortably over the 1,000 mark—the first time that has been the case for years.

The consensus of opinion, however, seems that the market will trade in the 950 to 1,050 range for the next month or two, with the next "breakout" perhaps to a new, all-time "high" coming in May. Trading has been consistently over 50 million shares a day and analysts feel the market has shown in its ability to cope with uncertainty that it is in better condition than it has been for some time.

Anthony Hilton

	Apr 3	Apr 2		Apr 3	Apr 2		Apr 3	Apr 2
Allied Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fst Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pub Ser El & Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	24	[illegible]	Ford	22	[illegible]	Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	[illegible]	GAF Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]	Republic Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amax Inc	[illegible]	67	Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reynolds Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Airlines	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Motors	[illegible]	53	Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Broadcast	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Pub Util NY	[illegible]	[illegible]	Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Can	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Tel Elec	[illegible]	[illegible]	St Regis Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Cyanamid	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Tire	[illegible]	[illegible]	Santa Fe Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Elec Power	[illegible]	[illegible]	Genesco	[illegible]	[illegible]	SCM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Home	[illegible]	[illegible]	Georgia Pacific	30	[illegible]	Schlumberger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]	Getty Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]	Scott Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Nat Res	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]	Goodrich	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sears Roebuck	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Telephone	[illegible]	[illegible]	Goodyear	[illegible]	[illegible]	Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMF Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gould Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	Shell Trans	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Royal Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Steel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thomson N 'A'	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walker Hiram	[illegible]	[illegible]
WCT	[illegible]	15

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot 2.2030 (2.2045), three months, 2.2170 (2.2165); Canadian dollar, 1.1842 (1.1853).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 417.43 (420.62). The futures index was 425.57 (427.54).

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 1,007.11 (1,004.07); transportation 433.71 (440.47); utilities, 109.46 (110.05); 65 stocks, 392.04 (393.25).

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week

FT Index change on week 539.6 + 18.3 (3.5%)

Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, March 30. Dealings End, April 9. § Contango Day, April 10. Settlement Day, April 21

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
20.1m	Triplevest 'Inc'	54	-3	20.1	12.0	..
22.2m	Do Cap	373	-22	..	..	..
67.2m	Trustees Corp	75½	-1½	4.2	5.6	..
73.0m	Utd Brit Secs	165	+4	10 0b	6.1	..
76.8m	Utd States Deb	112	+3	8 0	7 1	..
21.0m	Utd States Gen	260	-5	15.0	5.8	..
39.6m	Viking Res	99	..	1.1b	1.2	..
72.9m	Westpool Inv	74	-1	1.4b	1.9	..
122.3m	Witan Inv	145½	-3½	5.2	3 6	..
16.0m	Yeoman Tst	261	+4	18.2	7 0	..
1.560.000	Yorks & Lancs	39		2 9b	7.3	..
8.259,000	Young Co Inv	127	-1	8.6	6.7	..

SHIPPING

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
107.2m	Brit & Comm	332	+6	17 9	5 4	8.3
50.1m	Caledonia Inv	285	+3	17 9	6.3	..
38.3m	Fisher J.	168		3 1	1.8	13.8
8.064.000	Jacobs J. I.	35	-2½	3.3	9.4	8.5
166.7m	Ocean Trans	149	+3	12.9	8.6	6.3
211.5m	P & O 'Dfd'	149½	+8	10 0	6 7	9 2

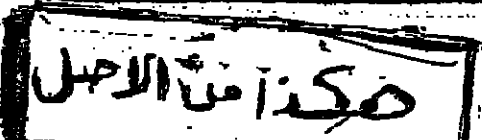
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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
364.1m	Anglo Am Coal	£15½	+1	60.7	3 9	..
1.563.6m	Anglo Am Corp	690	-4	48 0	7 0	..
921.9m	Ang Am Gold	£42	• -2½	653	15.6	..
434.3m	Anglo Am Inv	£43⅞	+⅝	161	3.7	..
33.5m	Anglo Transvl	£19	..	144	7.6	..
33.8m	Do 'A'	£19	..	144	7 5	..
670.8m	Asarco	£21⅞	-1	60.0	2.8	
6.655.000	Beralt Tin	55	-1	7 1	12.3	
175.5m	Blyvoors	£7¼	-½	196	26.8	
22.4m	Bracken Mines	160	• -22	38.8	24 3	
224.1m	Buffelsfontein	£20⅛	-¼	419	20.6	
—	CRA	249	-4	..		
250.1m	Charter Cons	243	-5	12.0	4 9	
904.6m	Cons Gold Fields	486	+20	33.6	6 9	

MISCELLANEOUS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
2.086.000	Calcutta Elec	29	+1	6 8	23.3	..
1.181.000	Essex Wtr 3.5%	£33	..	500	15.2	..
18 0m	Gt Nthn Tele	£24½	+½	146	6.0	9.0
279.4m	Imp Cont Gas	215	..	10.1	4.7	10.1
1.090.000	Milford Docks	136	..	9 8	7.2	..
3.953.000	Nesco Inv	190	+15	10.0	5.3	..
—	Sunderlnd Wtr	£32½	..	500	15 4	..

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.



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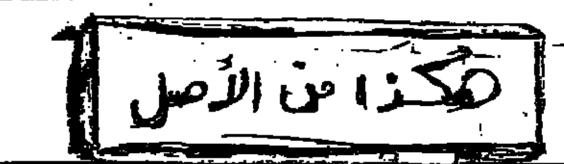
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PERSONAL CHOICE

Julian Pettifer with Dr Miriam Rothschild and friend in tonight's Nature Watch (ITV 7.00).

● The insidious Ku Klux Klan is the subject of tonight's World in Action investigation (ITV, 8.30). The programme traces the resurgence of the movement by following a tour by the Klan's Imperial Wizard, Bill Wilkinson, as he barnstormed across the traditional Klan strongholds in the Deep South of the States, preaching white supremacy and hatred of the blacks. The majority of his followers are drawn from the white poor who are resentful of the gains made by the Civil Rights movement. Exclusive and frightening film show some members on a secret weapon-training course at one of the pseudo military camps set up by the Klan, and a particularly nasty cross-burning ceremony designed to put fear into the people they see as a threat to their supremacy. One of the more objectional pieces of film is of a training camp named My Lai in celebration of the Vietnamese village where U.S. soldiers massacred the female and child population.

● India trains ten thousand doctors a year. That seems to be a nice healthy number which, added up year after year could just about cope with the nation's 650 million population. But unfortunately this is not the case. Most of the graduates gravitate to the cities where the standard of living is high and the work not too arduous. A few feel that the soft option is not for them and in Horizon tonight (BBC 2, 9.30) we see how two such doctors cope with the illnesses that are rife in the villages where the majority of the population live. Drs Mabelle and Rajnikant Arole chose to practice in a remote cluster of villages about 200 miles from Bombay because they wanted to prove that it was possible to improve the lot of the peasants through health education. One of the Arole's innovations is to train illiterate women to look after the health problems of their villagers and in the programme we see one such worker, a Hindu untouchable, who has become one of the revered members of her community.

● Panorama (BBC 1, 8.10 pm) touches on an intriguing subject tonight when it investigates the secret business links between the Soviet Union and South Africa. Reporting on this surprising liaison is Michael Cockerell whose report for a previous Panorama, Who Killed Georgi Markov? has been nominated for an Emmy Award. He has uncovered a lot of clues pointing to collusion between the two countries over matters dealing with gold, diamonds and platinum and has even found evidence of a visit to Moscow by a top South African businessman — something Russia's African allies will not view with understanding.

● George Cukor, at 82, is the oldest man to direct a major film. Tonight in Kaleidoscope (Radio 4, 9.45) he talks to John Baxter about his fifty years in the cut-throat world of film making. His many famous films include The Philadelphia Story and My Fair Lady, and among his formidable leading ladies was Marilyn Monroe whom he once described as talented but insane. I wonder that he had the nerve to describe a living actress in those terms.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO; ★ BLACK AND WHITE; (r) REPEAT.

Broadcasting Guide

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TELEVISION

BBC 1

6.40 am Open University: Poisons that Paralyse; 7.05 A Feel for Space; 7.30 Systems, *Boundaries and Biases.* Closedown at 7.55.
12.45 pm News.
1.00 Pebble Mill at One. A look at some of the souvenirs being manufactured for the Royal Wedding in July.
1.45 Heads and Tails. Music and narration by Derek Griffiths for the very young (r). Closedown at 2.00.
3.15 Songs of Praise introduced by Gerry Monte from St Nicholas Parish Church, Kenilworth (shown yesterday at 6.40 pm).
3.55 Play School. The story today is Leo Lionni's Swimmy and the presenters are Chloe Ashcroft and Derek Griffiths. **4.20 Cheggers Plays Pop.** The first in a new series of eight programmes starring Keith Chegwin. His guests are B. A. Robertson, Bucks Fizz and Coast to Coast. **4.40 The All New Popeye Show.** Two cartoons featuring the indestructible lascar (r). **5.00 John Craven's Newsround.** World news for young people presented in an adult manner. **5.05 Blue Peter.** Nigel Short, the week after he has beaten three International Chess Grand Masters to become the youngest Master Game Champion, is in the studio with his Rock Band.
5.35 Fred Basset. Cartoon adventures of a crafty canine.
5.40 News read by Jan Leeming.
5.55 Nationwide. This week the team will be visiting five of Britain's interesting communities. Tonight Hugh Scully and his consumer protection feature Watchdog visit Gloucester.
6.55 *Ask the Family.* Robert Robinson returns with another series of 15 programmes in which 16 families compete in a quiz demanding speed and intelligence. The first two families are the McGhees of Kelso and the Kents of Stourbridge. **7.20 Star Trek.** The chief engineer of the Enterprise falls in love, but the twinkle in his beloved's eye means trouble for the rest of the crew.
8.10 Panorama presented by David Dimbleby. Michael Cockerell takes a look at the world of gold and diamonds including an investigation into the cooperation between two ideologically opposed countries, the Soviet Union and South Africa. (See Personal Choice.)
9.00 *News* read by *Richard* Baker.
9.25 Film: Cool Hand Luke (1967) starring Paul Newman and George Kennedy. An updated version of the Paul Muni chain gang classic in which Luke (Newman), sentenced to two years' imprisonment, teams up with fellow lag, Dragline (Kennedy) in attempt to beat the system. George Kennedy won an Oscar for his performance in this film.
11.30 Education Shop. The third in a series of eight programmes for parents.
11.55 News headlines and weather.

Regions

BBC 1 VARIATIONS: Cymru/Wales: 1.45 pm-2.00 Pila Pala. 5.55-6.20 Wales Today. 6.55-7.20 Hoddiw. 11.55 News and weather. Scotland: 12.40 pm-12.45 The Scottish News. 5.55-6.20 Reporting Scotland. 11.55 News *and weather.* Northern Ireland: 3.53 pm-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.55-6.20 Scene Around Six. 11.30-12.15 am Amateur Boxing. 12.15-12.40 Education Shop. 12.40 News and weather. England: 5.55 pm-6.20 Regional Magazines. 12.00 Close.

BBC 2

6.40 am Open University: The Venetian Twins; 7.30 Wolverton for Pride: The Interview. Closedown at 7.55.
11.00 Play School: Entertainment for the under fives. Closedown at 11.25.
4.50 pm Open University: Josh's File; 5.15 Stereochemistry; 5.40 Maths: Multiplying Matrices; 6.05 M101/7 Functions, Graphs; 6.30 Electric Money.
6.55 Artists in Print. This is the last programme in the series and in it we learn the difference between original prints and *reproductions by following the* making of a reproduction by the Tate Gallery. **7.20 Cameo.** A look at Salton Sea, California, a refuge for many species of wildlife.
7.30 News including a sub-titled synopsis for the hard-of-hearing.
7.40 Roots of England. In this, the fifth of *six films about* English communities where the past is much in evidence, Brian Trueman visits Guiting Power in the Cotswolds and talks to the Lord of the Manor, Raymond Cochrane.
8.15 Marti Caine. The singer/comedienne's guests tonight are pop-group Showaddywaddy, jazz violinist Bruce Dukov, and Joy, a South African singing *group making their first tele*vision appearance outside their country.
9.00 Yes Minister. Jim Hacker and Sir Humphrey have to appear before a select committee of MPs who are scrutinizing the running of the Department of Administrative Affairs.
9.30 Horizon: East of Bombay. A look at two Indian doctors who have rejected the soft option of working in the reasonably healthy and affluent cities of India and decided to practise in the remote villages ravaged by a myriad of diseases. (See Personal Choice.)
10.20 Say it with Baby Grand.
10.45 Newsnight. Reports on the day's happenings around *the world from Peter Snow,* Charles Wheeler, John Tusa and Peter Hobday. The programme ends at 11.35.

Thames

9.30 am Who's Afraid of Opera? Joan Sutherland, with the aid of some puppets, explains Verdi's Rigoletto. **9.55 The Land that came in from the Cold.** A look at Alaska.
10.20 Film: Woman of the Year (1975) starring Joe Bologna and Renee Taylor. A made-for-television version of the old Spencer Tracy/Katharine Hepburn comedy about the rocky romance of a sports editor and an international reporter.
11.55 Cartoon featuring Betty *Boop in Little Nobody.* **12.00 We'll Tell You a Story.** Christopher Lillicrap with a tale for the very young. **12.10 pm Rainbow.** Educational puppets.
12.30 Vet. John Speer with advice on the more serious diseases that might infect your pets.
1.00 News read by Peter Sissons. **1.20 Thames News.**
1.30 Crown Court. A convicted kidnapper accuses a woman of being the mastermind behind the crime. **2.00 The Riordans.**
2.30 Film: The Blue Lagoon (1948) starring Jean Simmons and Donald Houston. Shot on location in Fiji the story concerns two castaways whose idyllic existence is interrupted by two beachcombers.
4.15 Five Magic Minutes with Ali Bongo. **4.20 Graham's Ark.** Graham Thornton with information on rabbits and guinea pigs as pets. **4.45 Ad Lib.** Included today is a film report on the International Year of the Disabled. **5.15 Money-Go-Round.**
5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News with Andrew Gardner and Rita Carter.
6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Nature Watch. Julian Pettifer with Miriam Rothschild, who has spent a lifetime studying parasites and is the world's expert on bird fleas.
7.30 Coronation Street. There's trouble between Gail and Brian Tilsey.
8.00 West End Tales. Ma's Cafe is wrecked and the law suspect it is the victim of a protection gang.
8.30 World in Action: The Curse of the Clan. An examination of how the Ku Klux Klan incites racial tension (see Personal Choice).
9.00 The Sweeney. Regan's girlfriend thinks his life is in danger. But who is after him? Another drama featuring the Flying Squad (r).
10.00 News.
10.30 Film: Cahill, United States Marshal (1973) starring John Wayne and George Kennedy. Returning to his small town after a long and arduous manhunt, the Marshal finds the bank has been robbed, the sheriff killed and his own son and one of his ranch hands in jail.
12.25 Close with Rosalind Runcie reading extracts from Dante's Inferno.

RADIO

Radio 4

6.00 am News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Week.
6.30 Today.
7.00, 8.00 News.
7.30, 8.30 Headlines.
8.35 The Week on 4
8.45 BBC Sound Archives.
9.00 News.
9.05 Start the Week.
9.55 British Red Cross.
10.00 News.
10.02 Money Box.
10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 Story: The Furnished Room, by O. Henry.
11.00 News.
11.05 Songs for the Times (1). †
11.50 Poetry Please!
12.00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.27 Cliche (4).†
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Play: The Rundle Gibbet, by Peter Terson.
4.35 A Breath of Fresh Air.
4.45 Serial: A Study in Scarlet (6).
5.00 PM.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.30 Serial: A Murder of Quality (2).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Just a Minute.†
7.50 Play: Welcome Sister Death, by Wally K. Daly.†
9.45 Kaleidoscope. (See Personal Choice.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.30 Science Now.
11.00 Story: Shocking Accident, by Graham Greene.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.23 Shipping forecast.

VHF
10.30 am-10.45 Listen with Mother.
11.00 pm Study on 4: World Powers in the Twentieth Century (24).
11.30-12.10 am Open University: Music Interlude; Catholic Schools in Ireland.

Radio 3

6.55 am Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Records: A Scarlatti, Villa-Lobos, Korngold, Ireland.†
8.00 News.
8.05 Records: J. C. Bach, Mozart, Haydn (Sym 96).†
9.00 News.
9.05 Week's Composers: The Court of the Sun King.†
10.00 Trio (Haydn): Haydn, Shostakovich, Schumann.†
11.20 Monteverdi Choir etc/Gardiner: Handel, Campra (Messe des Morts).†
1.00 pm News.
1.05 Violin, piano (Rosenberg/Crowson — live from St John's): Beethoven (op 30 no 3), Stravinsky, Schubert.†
2.00 Matinee Musicale.†
3.00 Pianists in Profile (1): Schnabel.
4.00 New Records: Haydn (Theresienmesse).†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
7.00 Three Pieces by William Hazlitt (2).
7.25 Record: Beethoven (Pno Conc 4 — Schnabel).
8.00 Discussion: Unmasking Medicine?
9.30 Operetta: Le mariage aux lanternes, by Offenbach (Leppard).†
10.15 Talk: The Nature of Archae*ology* (1).
10.35 Jazz in Britain.†
11.00 News.
11.05-11.15 *Record: Gyrowetz.*†

VHF
5.55 am-6.55 Open University: Organic Chemistry; Welfare from Below; Alcibiades.
11.15 pm-11.55 Open University: Shakespeare and the Globe; Beyond Electric Money.

Radio 2

5.00 am Ray Moore.† **7.30** Terry Wogan.† **10.00** Jimmy Young.† **12.00** David Hamilton.† **2.00 pm** Ed Stewart.† **4.00** Much More Music.† **6.00** John Dunn.† **8.00** Folk On 2.† **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton.† **10.00** Movie Quiz. **10.30** Star Sound. **11.00** Brian Matthew. † from 12.00. **2.00-5.00 am** You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2. **7.00** Mike Read. ***9.00*** Simon Bates **11.00** Andy Peebles. **12.30 pm** Newsbeat. **12.45** Paul Burnett. **2.30** Steve Wright. **4.30** Peter Powell. **7.00** Stayin' Alive. **8.00** Richard Skinner. **10.00** John Peel † **12.00** Close.
VHF RADIOS 1 & 2 **5.00 am** With Radio 2. **10.00 pm** With Radio 1. **12.00-5.00 am** With Radio 2.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave (648 kHz, 463m) at the following times (GMT):
6.00 am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-four Hours. 7.45 Short Story. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Masters of Early Music. 8.30 Thirty-Minute Theatre. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Notes from an Observer. 9.20 Theatre Call. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 D.J. Roundtable. 10.15 Take One. 10.30 Moments of Being. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 New Waves. 11.30 Fiesta. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 pm Brain of Britain 1981. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 The Book Programme. 2.00 The Best of Beecham. 2.30 Thirty-Minute Theatre. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Sarah and Company. 7.45 Stars in Their Eyes. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-four Hours. 8.30 Sports International. 9.00 Network UK. 9.15 Europa. 9.30 The Best of Beecham. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Round-up. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Short Story. 11.30 D.J. Roundtable. 12.00 World News. 12.09 am News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Little Dorrit. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Europa. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Sports International. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Fiesta. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World *News. 5.03 Twenty-four Hours.* 5.45 The World Today.

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REGIONAL TV

ATV

As Thames except: Starts 9.35 am Call It Macaroni. 10.00 Land that came in from *the Cold.* 10.25-12.00 *Film: Fear on* Trial (George C. Scott). 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Dirty Money (Alain Delon). 3.45-4.15 Money-Go-Round. 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 6.00 ATV Today. 10.30 Left, Right and Centre. 11.10 News. 11.15 Rockstage. 12.15 am-12.30 Something Different.

Southern

As Thames except: 9.30 am Grey Angels of Small Hope. 9.55 George Hamilton IV. 10.20 Animated Classic. 11.20 Wild, Wild World of Animals. 11.45-12.00 Cartoon. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25 Film: Family Kovack (Sarah Cunningham). 3.45-4.15 Money-Go-Round. 5.15-5.45 Welcome Back Kotter. 6.00-7.00 Day by Day. 10.35 Music in Camera. 11.05 WKRP in Cincinnati. 11.30 Rockstage. 12.30 am Weather followed by Cones of Cappadocia.

Granada

As Thames except: Starts 9.30 am The World we Live in. 9.50 Spiderman. 10.15 Tarzan. 11.00-12.00 Sesame Street. 1.20 pm-1.30 Granada Report. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30-4.15 Film: Foster and Laurie. 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 6.00-6.35 Granada Report. 10.30 Rugby League Action: Oldham v Wakefield Trinity. 11.15 Film: The Spy Killer. 12.40 am Close.

Tyne Tees

As Thames except: Starts 9.20 am Good Word. 9.25 News. 9.30 Survival. 9.55 George Hamilton IV. 10.20 Hanna Barbera Classics. 11.10 Wonderwheels and Posse Impossible. 11.25 Beachcombers. 11.50-12.00 Sally and Jake. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. Lookaround. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30-4.15 Film. Dangerous When Wet (Esther Williams). 5.15-5.45 Mork and Mindy. 6.00 News 6.02 Mr and Mrs. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 10.30 News. 10.32 Northern Report. 11.00 BJ and the Bear. 12.00-12.05 am Second Commandment.

Westward

As Thames except: Starts 9.25 am *Le* Village . . un Village. 9.55 Lost Islands. *10.20 Cities. 11.10 Spiderman.* 11.35-12.00 Father. Dear Father. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Then Came Bronson (Michael Parks). 3.43 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 3.45-4.15 Money-Go-Round. 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 6.00-7.00 Westward Diary. 10.32 News. 10.36 Twenty Years. 11.30 Rockstage. 12.25 am-12.30 Faith For Life.

HTV

As Thames except: Starts 9.45 am World We Live In. 10.10 22 Rescue You. 10.40 Fangface. 11.00-12.00 Sesame Street. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30-4.15 Film: Oliver *(cartoon). 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 6.00-7.00* Report West. 10.28 News. 10.30 Quincy. 11.30-12.30 am Rockstage.
HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV West except: 12.00-12.10 pm Ffalabalam. 2.00-2.30 Hamdden. 4.15-4.20 Geronimo and Son. 4.45-5.15 Ser. 6.00-6.25 Y Dydd. 6.25-7.00 Report Wales. 8.30-9.00 Yr Wythnos. 10.30 World In Action. 11.00-11.30 Punchlines.

Channel

As Thames except: Starts 12.30 pm-1.00 Vet. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00 Film: Then Came Bronson (Michael Parks). 3.45-4.15 Money-Go-Round. 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.20 Cartoon. 6.30-7.00 Mork and Mindy. 10.28 News. 10.36 Twenty Years. 11.30-12.25 am Rockstage.

Grampian

As Thames except: Starts 9.55 am First Thing. 10.00 Larry the Lamb. 10.20 Stars on Ice 10.40 Lost Islands. 11.05 240 Robert. 11.50-12.00 Cartoon. 1.20 pm-1.30 News 2.00 Film: Istanbul Express (Gene Barry). 3.45-4.15 Money-Go-Round. 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30-7.00 Out of Town. 10.30 Lou Grant. 11.30 Rockstage. 12.30 am-12.35 News.

Scottish

As Thames except: Starts 9.55 am Fiddlers of James Bay. 10.20 Spread Your Wings. 10.45 Stars on Ice. 11.10 Wild, Wild World of Animals. 11.35-12.00 Hot Air. 1.20-1.30 pm News. 2.00 Film: Istanbul Express (Gene Barry, Senta Berger). 3.45-4.15 Money-Go-Round. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.40-7.00 Crimedesk. 10.30 Amazing Years of Cinema. 11.00 Afloat. 11.30 Rockstage. 12.30 am-12.35 Late Call.

Yorkshire

As Thames except 9.20 am Sally and Jake. 9.55 Tarzan. 11.30 Laurel and Hardy. 11.55-12.00 Captain Nemo. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30 Cartoon. 2.35-4.15 Film: Safari (Victor Mature). 5.15-5.45 Mr & Mrs. 6.00-7.00 Calendar. 10.30 Rugby League. 11.15-12.15 am Rockstage.

Ulster

As Thames except 10.45 am Call It Macaroni. 11.10-12.00 Wilderness Alive. 1.20 pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 2.30 Film: Call Her Mom (Connie Stevens). 3.45 Money-Go-Round. 4.13-4.15 News. 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 6.00-7.00 Good Evening Ulster. 10.30 By This I Live. 11.00 Soap. 11.30-11.40 Bedtime

Border

As Thames except: 9.30 am Bailey's Bird. 9.55 Jabberjaw. 10.20 Stars on Ice. 10.45 Chopper Squad. 11.35-12.00 Mork and Mindy. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.30 Film: Call Her Mom (Connie Stevens). 3.45-4.15 Money-Go-Round. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.15 Collectors. 6.30-7.00 Mr and Mrs. 10.30 Snooker. 11.15 Rockstage. 12.15 am-12.18 News.

Anglia

As Thames except: 9.30 am Pavilion Folk. 10.00 Diary of Civilizations. 10.50 Artistry in Tureens. 11.15 Poetry of Landscape. 11.30-12.00 Floodlit Crown Green Bowling. 1.20 pm-1.30 News 2.00 Money-Go-Round. 2.30 Film: Million Pound Note (Gregory Peck). 5.15-5.45 University Challenge. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30-7.00 Welcome Back Kotter. 10.30 Lou Grant. 11.30 Rockstage. 12.30 am Reflection

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AND it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down ... so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD. Jeremiah 31:28.

BIRTHS

BURNS.—On 4th April, at St. Thomas's Hospital, to Rosemary and Williams and Adrian—a daughter (Emily Caroline), a sister for Tom.

GRANT.—On 4th April, at Oxford, to Andrew and Clare—a daughter.

HUNTER.—On 4th April at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Katie and Charles, a son, Timothy Michael, a brother for Sophie.

MANDER.—On Friday, 3rd April, 1981, at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, to Katie and Nicholas Mander—a son, a brother for Sarra, Marcus and Benedict.

McBRIDE.—On 3rd April, 1981, to Simon and Sarah—a daughter (Polly).

MOSS.—On 4th April, at Woburn Abbey, to Mrs Moss—a son, a brother for Philip.

NICHOLSON.—On 27th March 1981, at Millroad, Cambridge, to Liz and Nicholson—a daughter (Laura Elizabeth) a sister for Calico.

SCHMITT.—On 3 April at Westminster Hospital to Lydia (née Hancock) and Peter a son, John Hancock, a brother for Emily, Samuel and Patrick.

STORY.—On 31 March, in Johannesburg, to Sally and Nicholas—a daughter (Caroline Mary), a sister for Jonathan.

WOOLLEY.—On 3rd April, 1981, at St. Thomas's Hospital, to Pippa (nee Koelle) and Hugo—a daughter (Emily Anne).

BIRTHDAYS

FIONA HUNTER. Happy Birthday! and miles of safe driving. Love Mum and Dad and Alastair.

SIMON-JOHN.—Happy 21st Birthday! Love from all the family in England.

MARRIAGES

KULUKUNDIS : HAMPSHIRE.—The marriage took place between Eddie Kulukundis and Susan Hampshire on Saturday 4th April, 1981 in Kensington.

MURNAGHAN : TERRY.—On March 28th at The Chapel of St Lawrence, Warminster, Martin Murnaghan, to Elizabeth Terry.

SURRIDGE : MOYNIHAM.—David Surridge to Tessa Moyniham at Chelsea on April 4th.

GOLDEN WEDDING

BLOW : TIMMINS.—On April 6th, 1931, Ronald to Ellinor. Now in Jersey.

DIAMOND WEDDING

HOME DOUGLAS : DOUGLAS-MANN.—On 6th April, 1921, at St Stephen's, Gloucester Road, London, S.W., by the (late) Rev. Lord Victor Seymour, Captain Leslie John Douglas-Mann, M.C., Retd. (formerly "Mann") to Alice (Lallie) Home Douglas. Now of No. 6, Kilmorie, Ilsham, Torquay, S. Devon. The first "Douglas-Mann"s.

DEATHS

BROCKLEBANK.—Suddenly on 2nd April 1981, Kathleen Enid, beloved wife of the late Giles Royds Brocklebank, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at St Martins, Bremhill on Wednesday, 8th April at 3.30 p.m. No flowers by her request but donations to St Martin's Church, Bremhill.

BURGER, PETER.—In his sleep, 3 a.m. April 3rd; after a brief illness. Funeral service Wednesday, 8th April, 3.30 p.m., Putney Vale Crematorium. No flowers, please, donations to Scanner Appeal, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith.

GOLFAR.—On April 2nd 1981, peacefully, Daisy Marjorie, dearly beloved mother of John and Marian. Greatly loved and missed by daughter-in-law Joan, son-in-law Seymour and adored grandchildren David, Nicole, James, Fiona, Nicholas, Charlotte and Giselle.

FAUQUIER.—On 2nd April, 1981, in Toronto, Canada. Air Commodore Johnny, D.S.O. and 2 bars, D.S.C., Pathfinder Force 1943/44, OC 617 Squadron 1945.

HAY.—On 3rd April, 1981, after a short illness, Neville Alexander Hay husband of Pamela. No letters, please.

JAMIESON.—Suddenly on Thursday, April 2nd, 1981, at 6 Cathay Terrace, Cullen, Robert James Jamieson, M.B.E., V.R.D., very dearly loved husband of Margaret Brown and dear father of Graeme and Keith. Funeral service in Cullen Old Parish Church, on Monday, April 6th, at 1.45 p.m. Interment thereafter at Cullen cemetery via Old Church Rd. All friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers at church door to the British Heart Foundation.

PACE.—On April 2nd, peacefully at Edgware General Hospital, Gertrude May, widow of Walter James and beloved mother of Richard. Funeral at St. Lawrence's, Whitchurch, on Monday, 6th April, at 10.30 a.m. No flowers. Donations if desired, to Friends of Edgware General Hospital, or St. Lawrence's Restoration Fund.

ROBINSON.—On the 3rd April, at home, peacefully, Cyril Robinson, aged 97 years, much loved husband of Molly and father of Natalie and Silvan, grandfather to eight grandchildren. Teacher and friend to many Wykehamists. Funeral at Silchester Parish Church, Berks, 11.30 a.m. Wednesday, 8th April, and a memorial service at Winchester College at 12.15 p.m. Saturday, 2nd May. Flowers to John Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

SCHUSTER.—On Friday April 3rd 1981, peacefully at home, Nether Worton House, Oxfordshire in her 94th year, Gwendolen, beloved wife of George and dearly loved mother, grandmother, and friend. Funeral private at Nether Worton, Thursday April 9th at 12 noon.

STEWART.—On 3rd April, 1981, at the Cheriton Nursing Home, Swindon, James Oswald, aged 81 years, widower of Beryl Nesta Stewart late of 11 Fairhaven Road, Bristol. Funeral on Thursday, April 9th, at Woking Crematorium, at 11.30.

DEATHS

SILVESTER.—On April 1st, 1981, suddenly at home, Hugh, aged 49 years, beloved husband of Annette and father of Jane and Paul. Funeral at ... on Wednesday, 8th April at Holy Trinity Church ... where he was Rector ...

YATES.—On Friday, April 3rd, peacefully, Francis Woddell, very dear husband of Phoebe and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral service at Shiplake Parish Church on Thursday, April 9th, at 2.15. Family flowers only, but if wished donations in his memory may be sent to Cancer Research, care of Mrs Salmon, Rotherfield Road, Henley-on-Thames.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GILBERT.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Olive Gilbert will be held at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden on Friday, April 10th at 12 noon.

LEE.—A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Roy Stuart Lee will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, 2nd May, at The University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford.

ROBINSON.—The memorial service for Kenneth Stuart Robinson will be held at St. Peter's Church, Tandridge, on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 2.30 p.m.

RHYL.—A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lord Rhyl (Nigel Birch) will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, on Thursday, 7th May at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM

DODD.—In proud and loving memory of Captain Ian Alastair Scott Dodd, 6th Gurkha Rifles, a Chindit, killed in Burma, April 6th, 1944, aged 23.

NEWMAN (nee Moller) DORA.—In loving memory of my darling mother on the centenary anniversary of her birthday. Bortle.

BARRINGTON.—In memory of Brigadier Guy Barrington. 5.6.02-6.4.75. Sempre N.

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NANNY JAMES (Miss I. Marsden).—On 2nd April, 1981, after over 40 years of caring for us and our children, peacefully in her sleep. Margaret, Mary and Robert.

NANNIE JAMES (Miss T. Marsden). After over 40 years of caring for us and our children, Nannie died peacefully in her sleep, 2nd April, 1981. From Margaret, Mary and Robert.

THE FRIENDS of Intensive Care at The London Hospital held a Flag Day in The City of London on June 24th, 1980, at which they made £237.46. This amount could be quadrupled if we could only get more helpers. Will anyone help us this year in the City of London on Tuesday, the 16th June, 1981. If so please ring: 01-556 6347 or 01-247 5454. The Friends of Intensive Care at The London Hospital, Whitechapel Road E.1.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15,493

ACROSS

1 Waits for this girl (5).
4 A foreign mare perhaps—old but not injured (9).
9 Tim Green's upset lots of soldiers (9).
10 Key to heart of fastidious relative (5).
11 Says trustee hasn't finished arrangement (6).
12 Ropes of flax or hemp? Not necessarily (8).
14 Minister gets part of church to look right (10).
16 What this, one's headgear, will do (4).
19 Just a case of pins and needles? (4).
20 Charged, holding MOT back as usual (10).
22 Time between dates (8).
23 Priest put one semicircle back after the other (6).
26 Chekhov's relative—of 10? (5).
27 One with faith in investment (4, 5).
28 Wild weed in turn produces a blue flower (9).
29 Empty plain (5).

DOWN

1 Gem "blued" in Baker Street (9).
2 Just like rain? (5).
3 Lines by 29, beheaded in Ireland (8).
4 America entertains Royal Navy vessels (4).
5 Classical originator of the flying saucer? (10).
6 A cloak, not always of darkness (6).
7 Inexperienced Othello turned up here in the theatre (9).
8 Costume of Dr Tee's predecessor (5).
13 Several buildings and another fort (10).
15 Plenty call for game (9).
17 It points to rain bursts holding sleuths up (9).
18 Being vigorous, he imprisons student in the top room (8).
21 Scurrilous tease, some say, poor lad (6).
22 She has about five different aims (5).
24 Stir up squabbles, say (5).
25 British sculptor gets drunk? (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 15,492

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ANDROS—Island Beachside Hotel

Departures:	5th June	19th June	21st Aug	25th Se...
	1wk..2wk	1wk..2wk	1wk..2wk	1wk...
	£158 £158	£169 £169	£189 £189	£165 ...

RHODES—Self Catering villas and village room in Lindos

Departure:	10th June	24th June	8th July
	1wk..2wk	1wk..2wk	1wk..2wk
	£155 £135	£169 £189	£179 £199

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RHODES:	13th May £119	24 June £119	1st July £119	8th July £129

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